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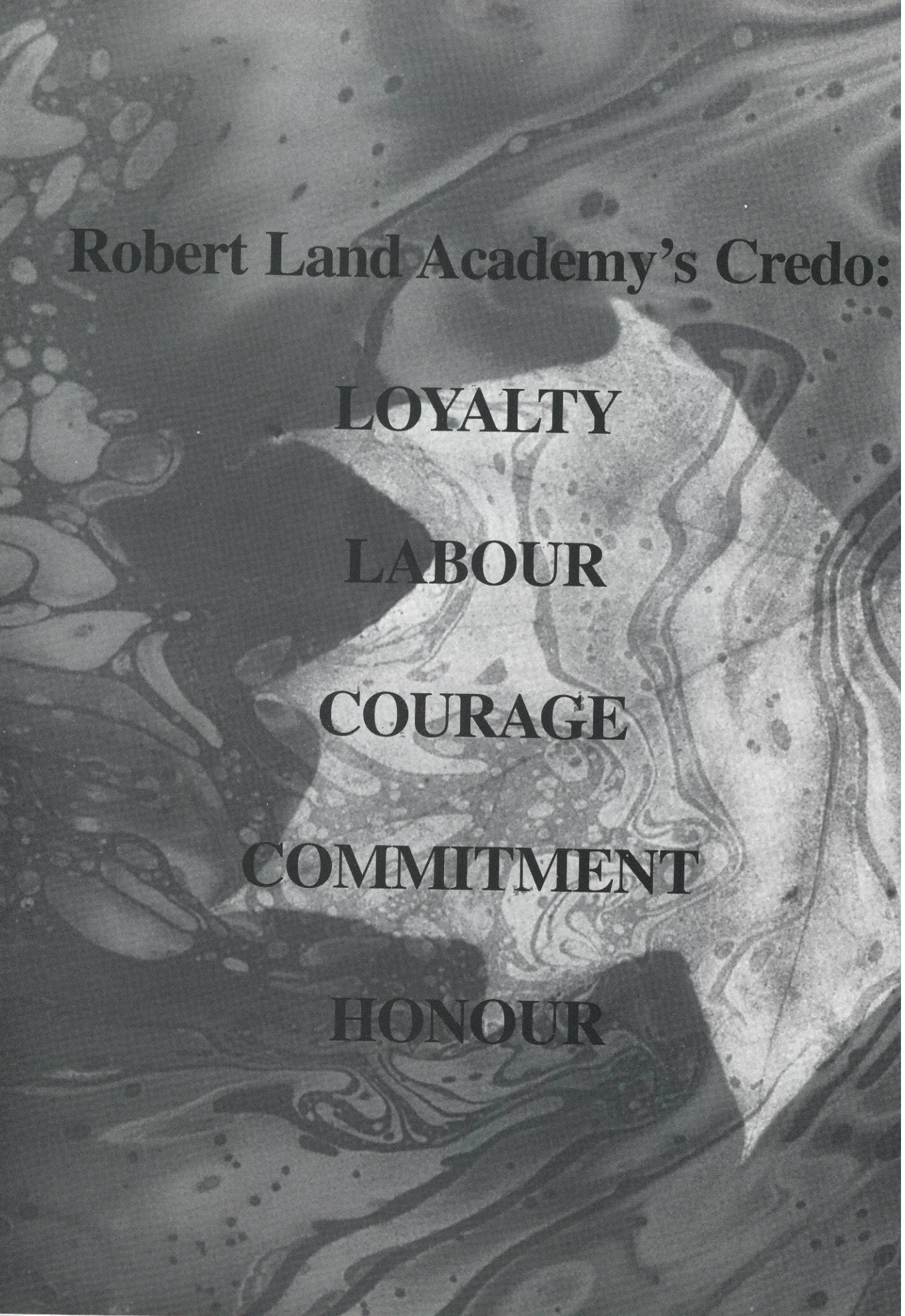
Robert Land Academy's Credo:
LOYALTY
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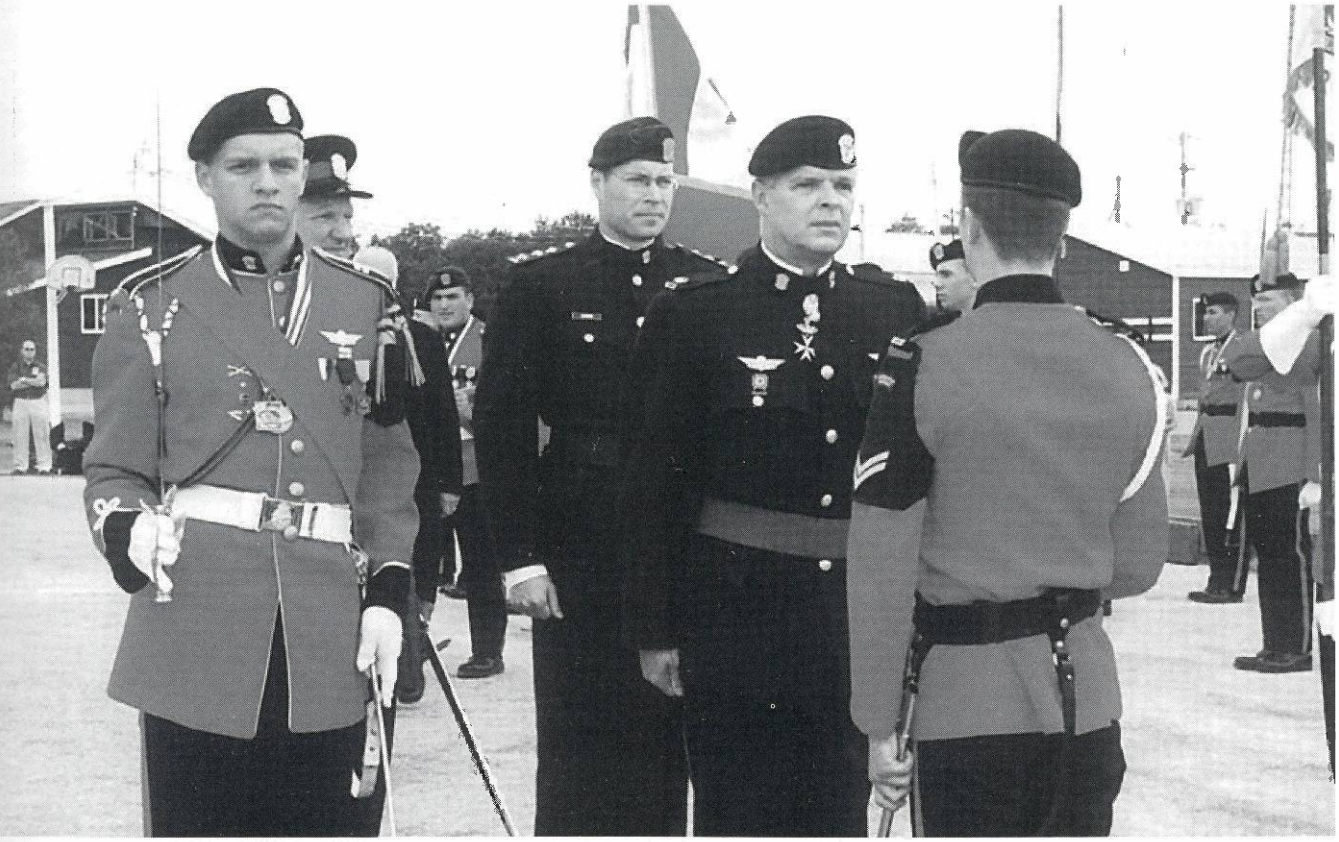
Major G. Scott Bowman
BA, KH, CD, UE

Headmaster



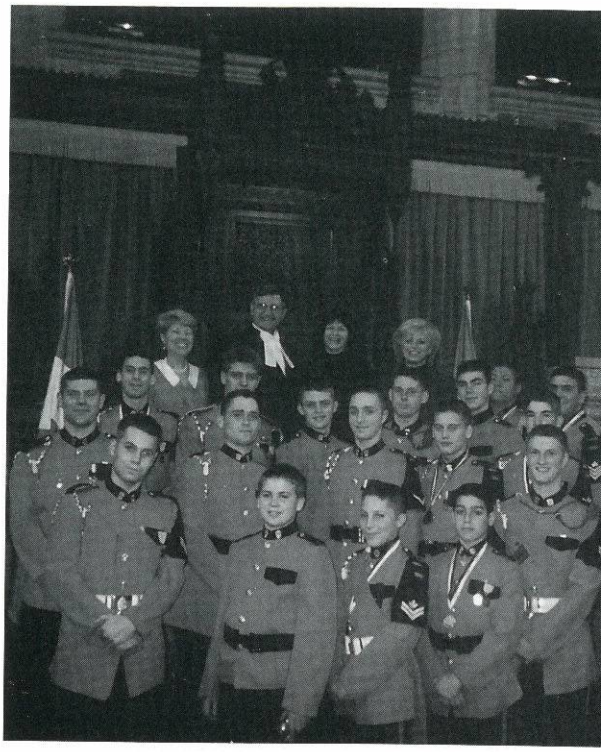
Inspection
Major Bowman inspects the cadets during Honour Parade. WO Mihajlo Vujcuf, Headboy accompanies the Headmaster.

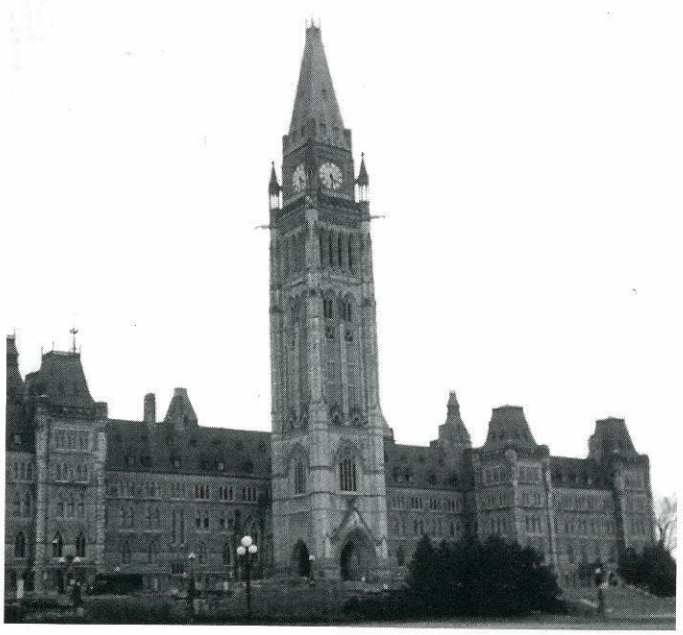
Captain Gibson marches on to McCrea Square with Major Bowman.

RLA Visits Ottawa

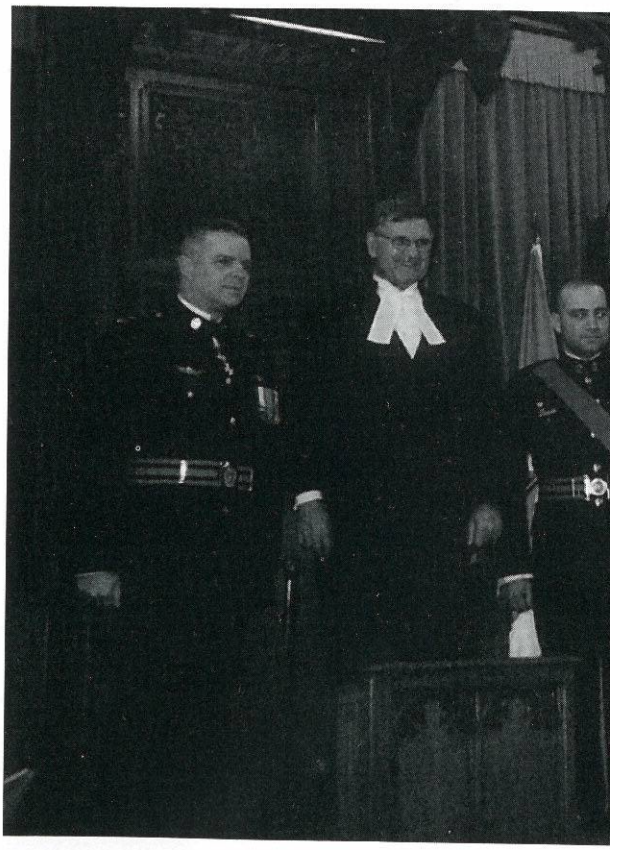
At the end of March, 2000, 19 students from the Academy visited Ottawa. Over several days they toured the popular sites with an extraordinary tour of the House of Commons.

SPEAKER'S CHAIR
The group pose in fron
Speaker's chair with the Ri
orable Gib Parent.



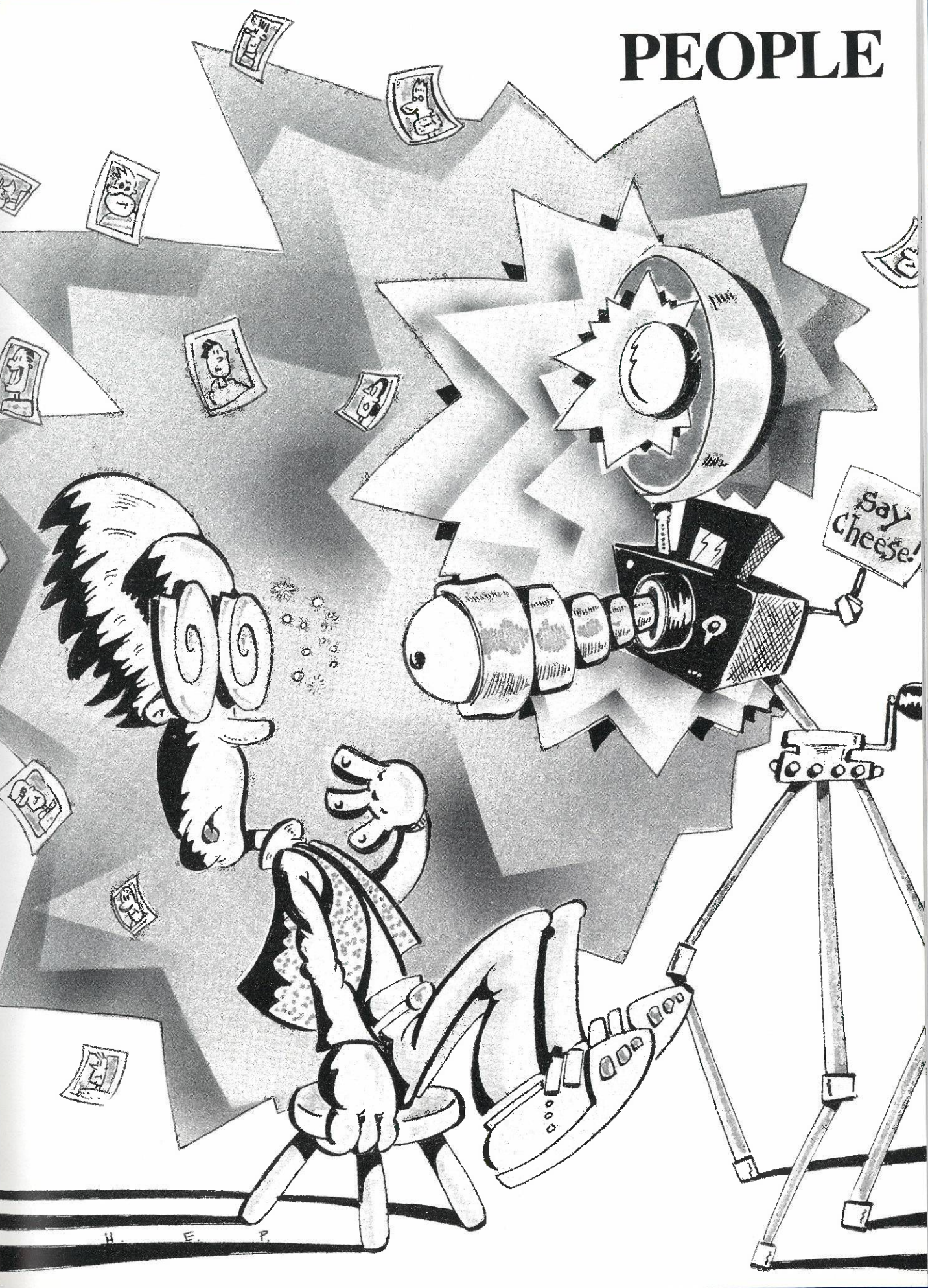


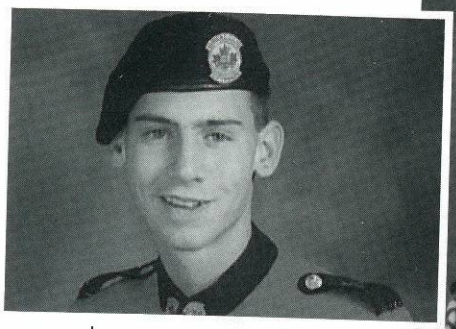
The Headmaster and ASM Zarha stand with Right-Honourable Gib Parent.



Parliament Buildings

PEOPLE





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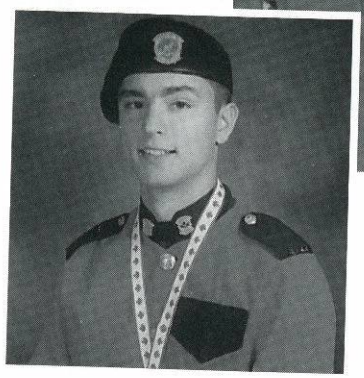
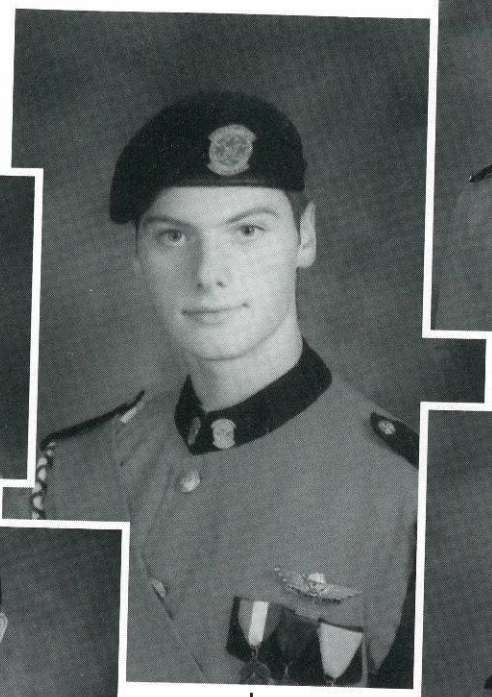


John Farrish



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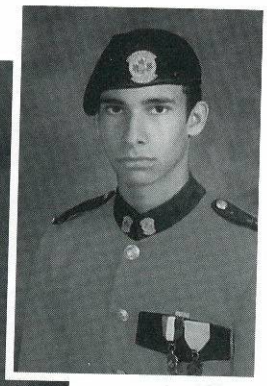
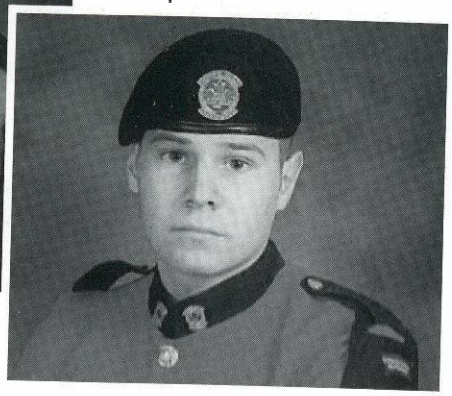
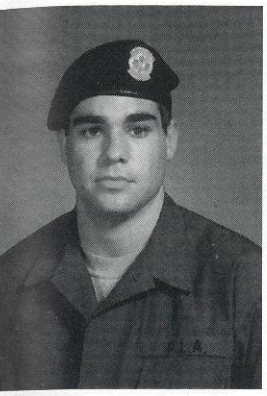




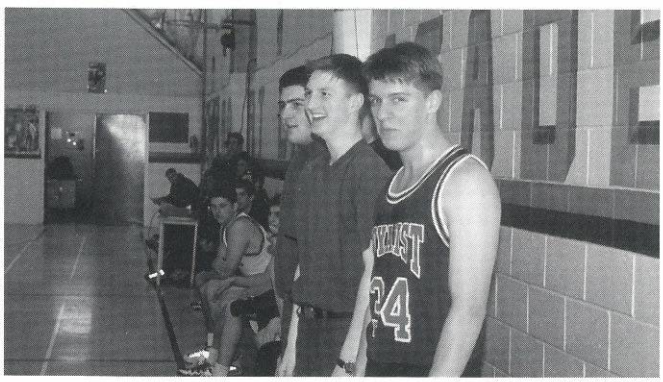
Eric Simson

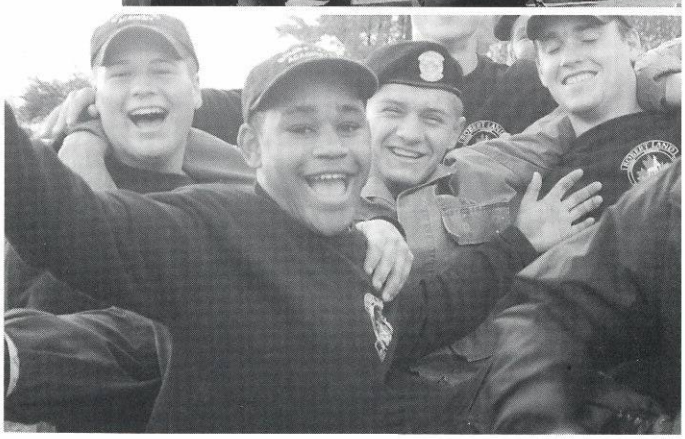
Brian Roach

Graduates



Mihajlo Vujcuf, Headboy and graduate for the year of 2000, is seen below in some of his many roles. Mihajlo participated against the staff in basketball, leading the parade and as a teammate.





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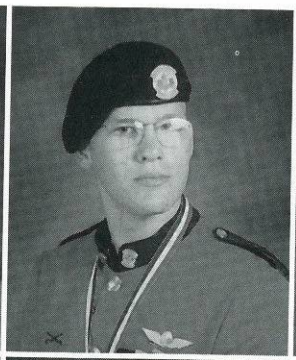
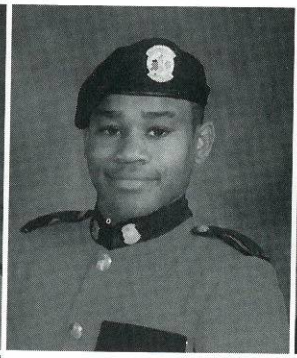
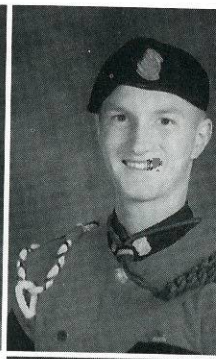
Julian Bochnik
Jonathan Brown
David Deeks

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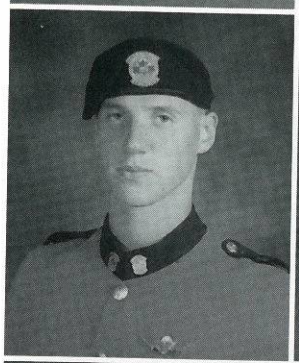

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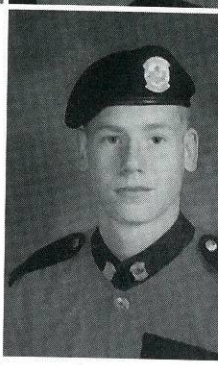

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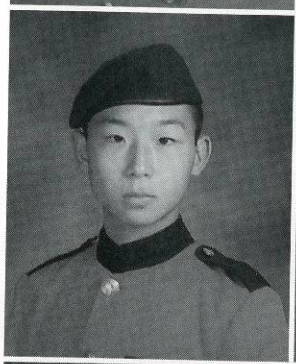
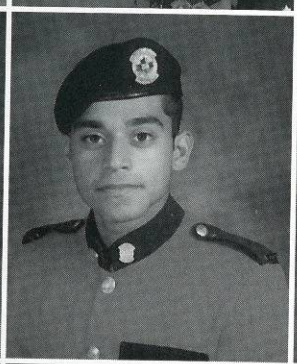
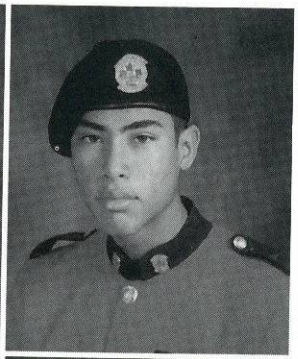

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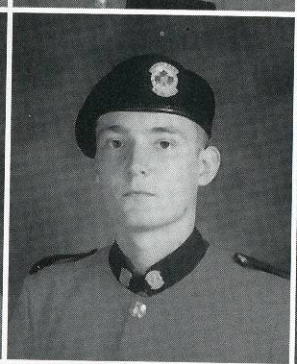
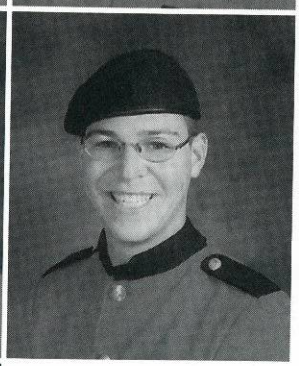

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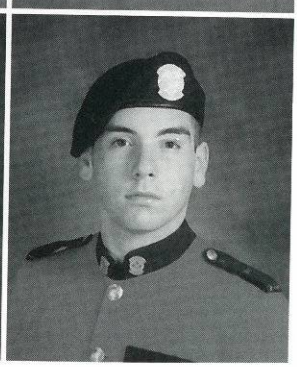

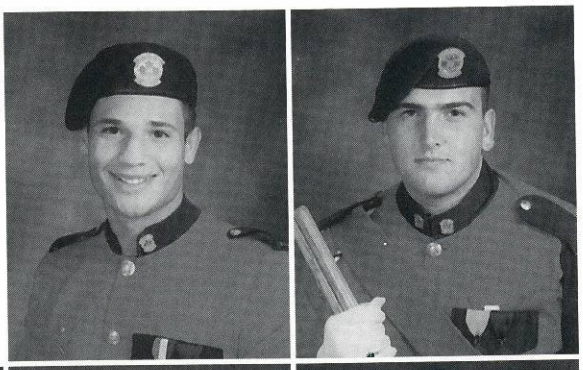

Joseph Testa
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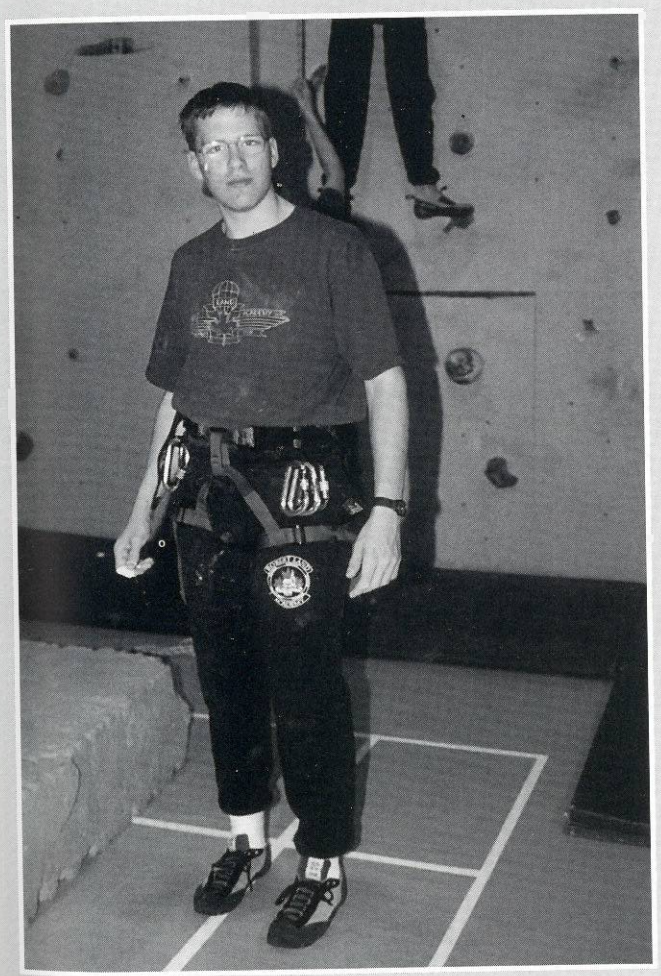
Brendan Walker
Jea-Yu Yang
Kevin Yu

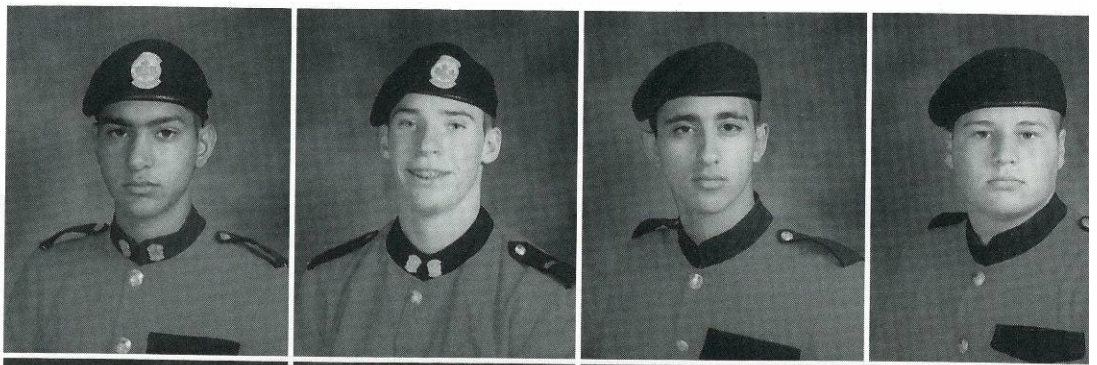
Graduates



SENIOR CLIMBER
Julian Bochnik spearheaded the climbing club with extraordinary skill and courage.

HARD CORE
Time and dedication was necessary to be a member of the rifle drill team.

Paul Aulakh
Sean Barker
Philip Barsoum
Cory Brown

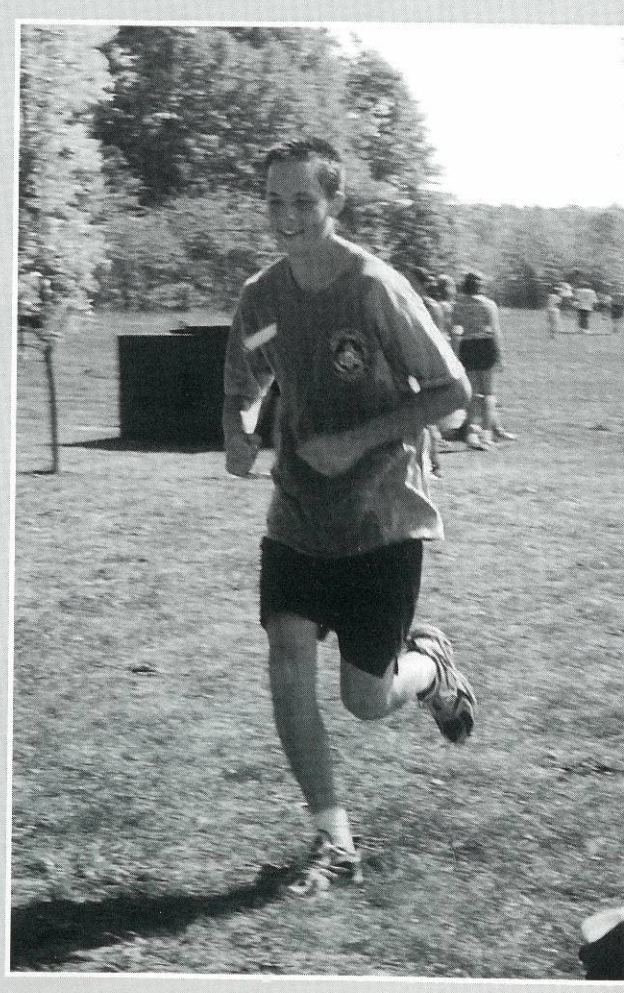


Eric Caron
Damon Chan
Daniel Church
Simon Clifford

Grade 11

WILD NIGHTS
Maybe not wild nights, but happy evenings after a long day on the Fall Ex.

NICE FINISH!
Andrew Farrish showing the signs of a successful run at a cross-country meet in the fall.



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Michael Graham
Graydon Jarmain

William Kaye
Benson Kwan
Chris Marshall
Ryan Marshall

Chris Pauwels
Nicholas Pharand
Matthew Pochwalowski
Matthew Reimer

Shane Robertson
Burt Steuart
John Stone
Matthew Traer

Brock Wallace
Mark Wilber
Nicholas Williamson
William Yau

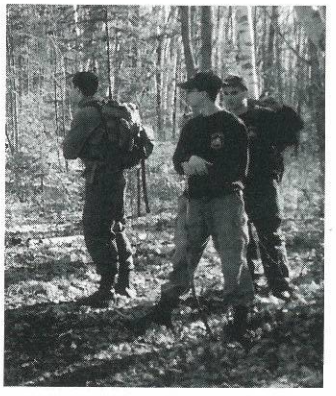
Grade 10

Bounder Program

C-Coy, the bounder company is the second most senior company in the Academy. Known for it's all around high standard in the majority of things that go on here at the Academy, to name a few; fitness, kit and of course attitude!

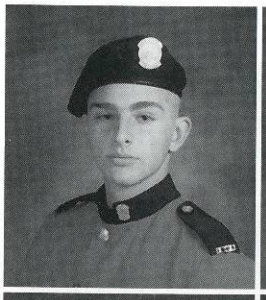
But what company is probably most well known for is it's great Bounder trips and it's even better Bounder Elite trips. Now, what makes the second group so elite? Well, to become part of this group, you must not only meet the standards of the Academy in fitness, academics and leadership, but surpass all of them!

A Bounder Elite is the best to be found at the Academy.



Hiking
A couple of Bounders on a hike Algonquin Park.

The Best!
Cpl McKay and Cpl Grant a best during the Outlander Co tion.



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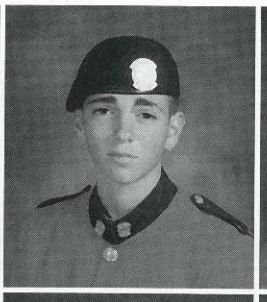

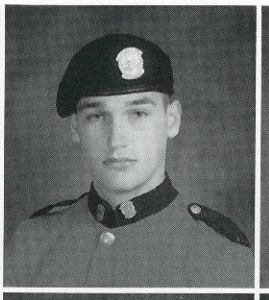

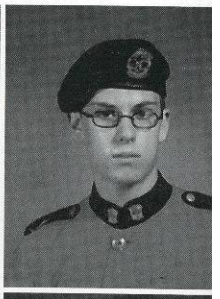

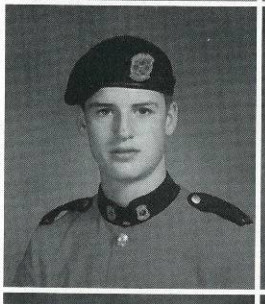

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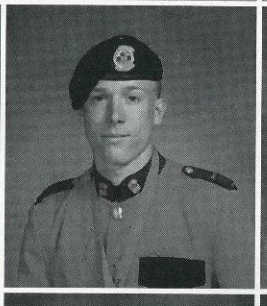

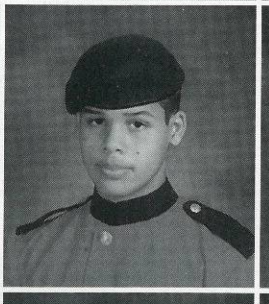

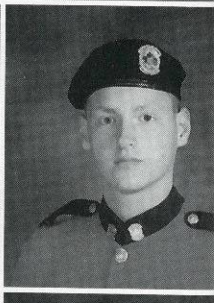

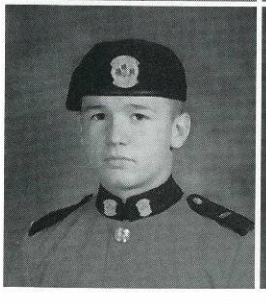

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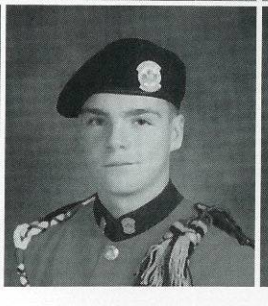

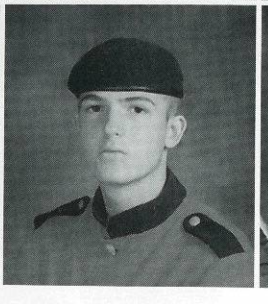

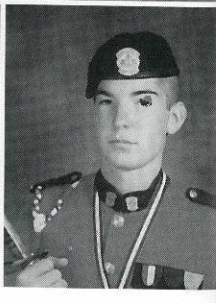

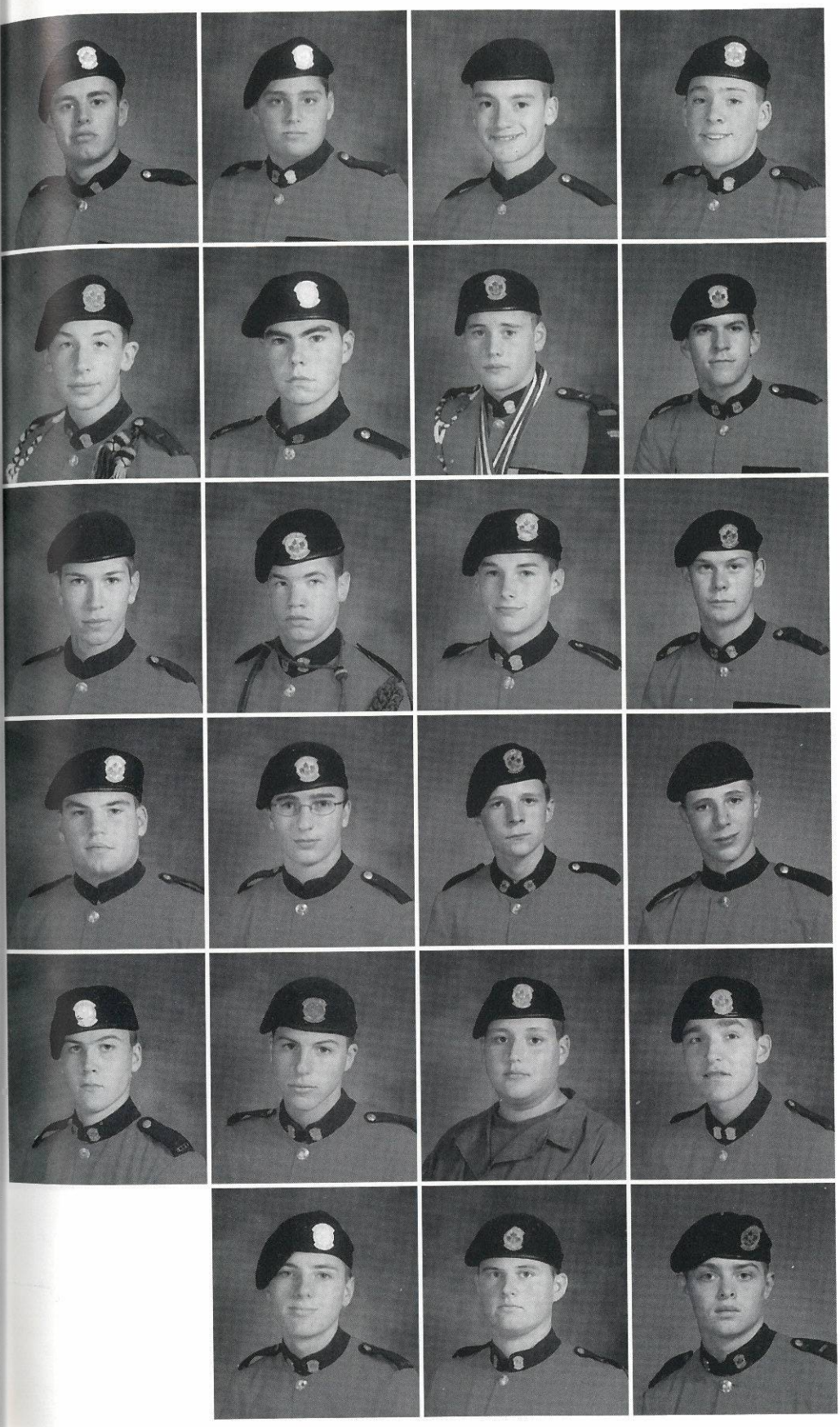

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Zebulon Reid
Michael Rhodes
Jonathan Rohrich
Marcus Sandford

Allan Skinner
Julian Tateossian
Olivier Tolila
Holland Wabie

Daniel Weaver-Rutten
Patrick White
Michael Wilson

Grade 9

Morgan Abouganim
David Bishop
Danbi Cho
Bobby Davis
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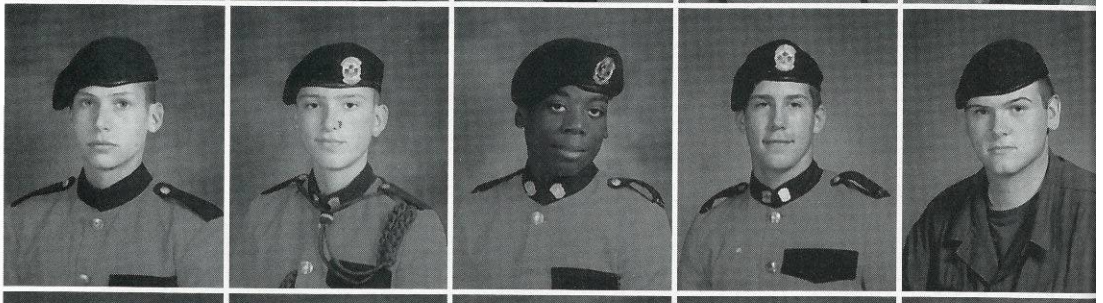

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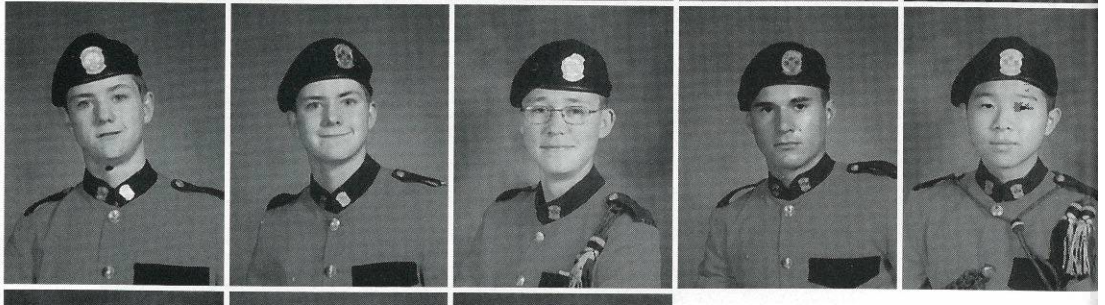

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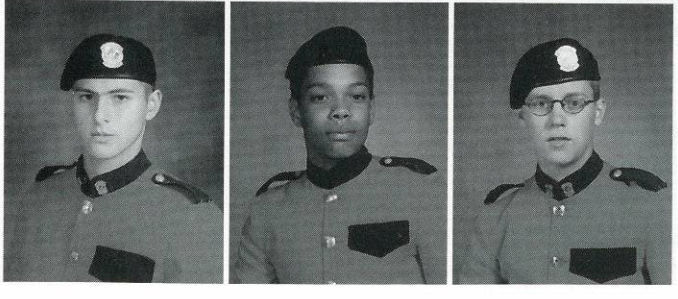

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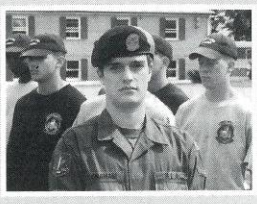

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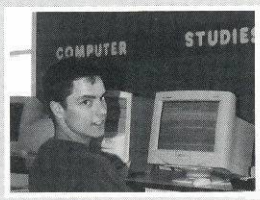

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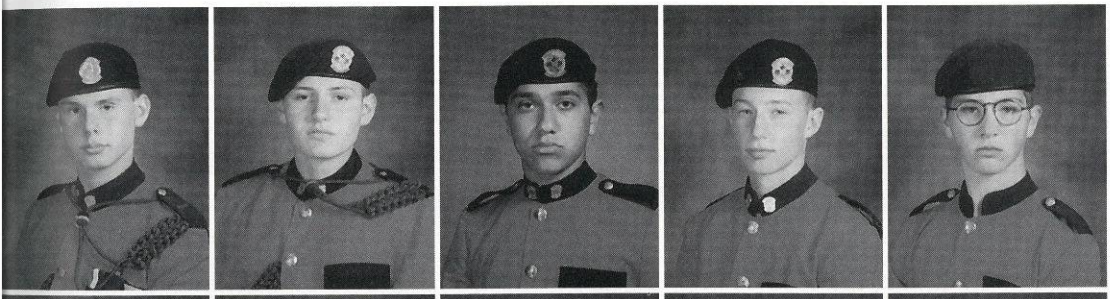

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Joe Mosleh
Shawn Post
Derek Remington

Gavin Rosa
Adam Schiedel
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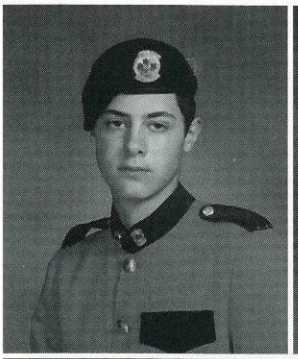
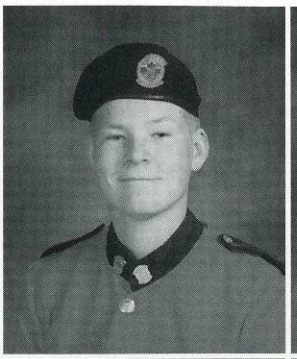
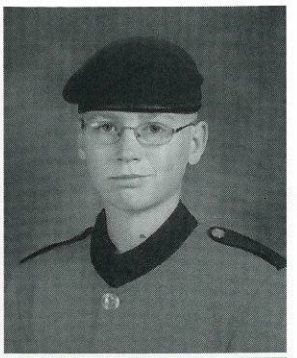

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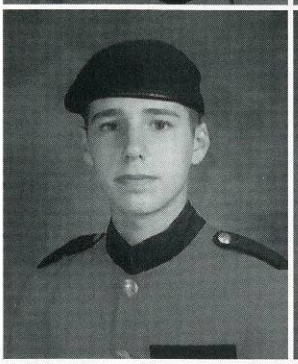
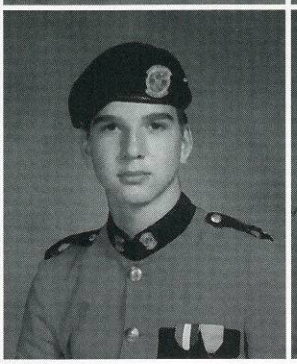
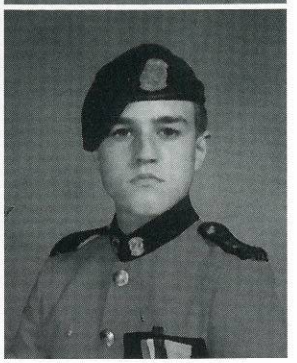

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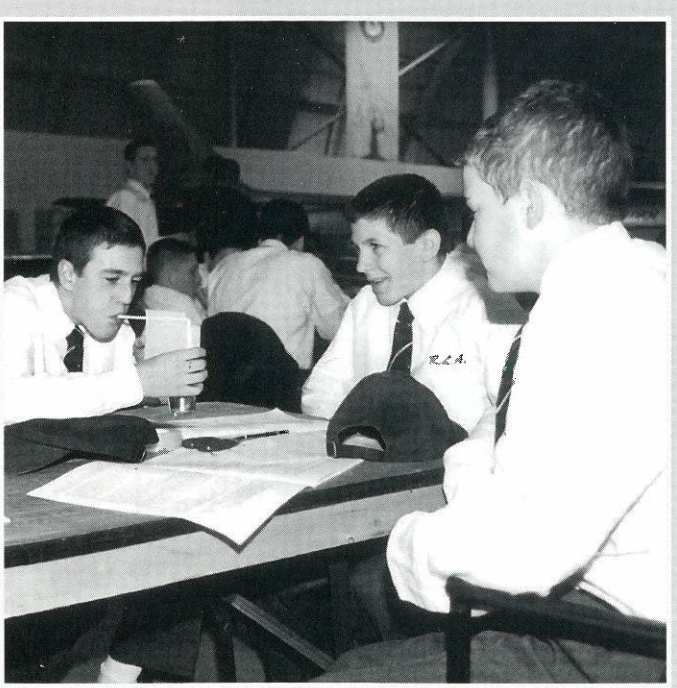
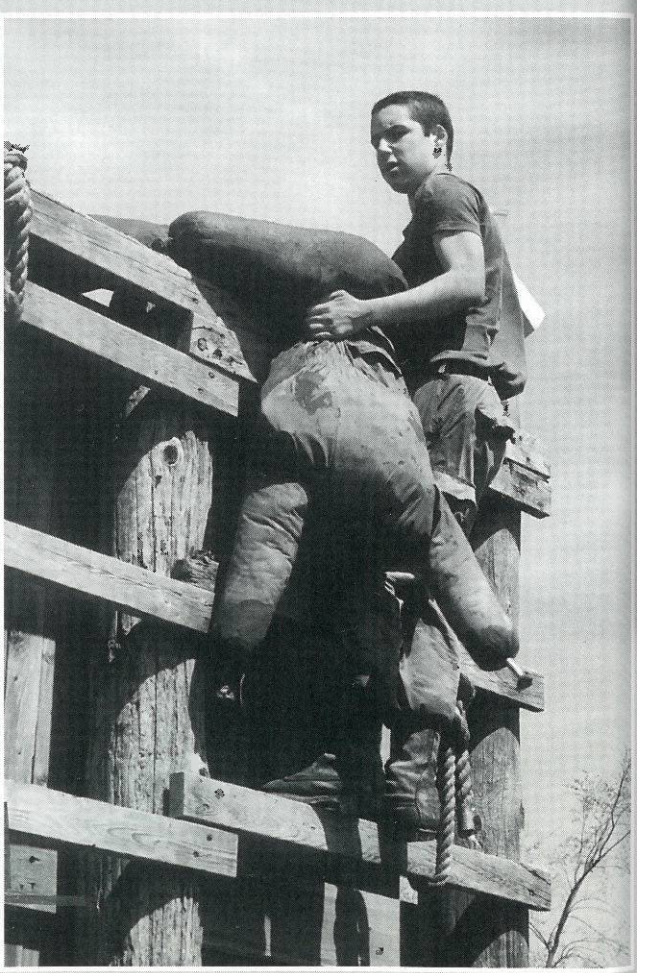
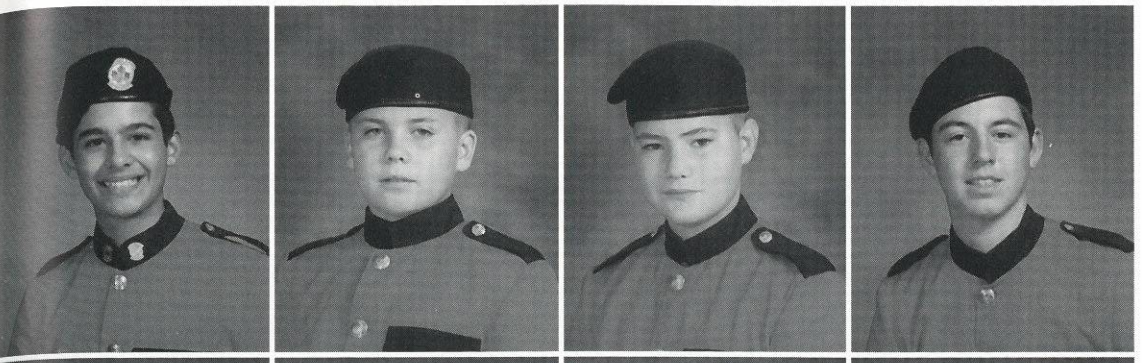


EXPERIMENTATION
Barman Gamblin tests out a principle of flight at the Hamilton Warplane Heritage Museum.



NEVER SAY DIE!
Cadet Estrella pauses long enough for his partner to catch up during the Outland Competition.



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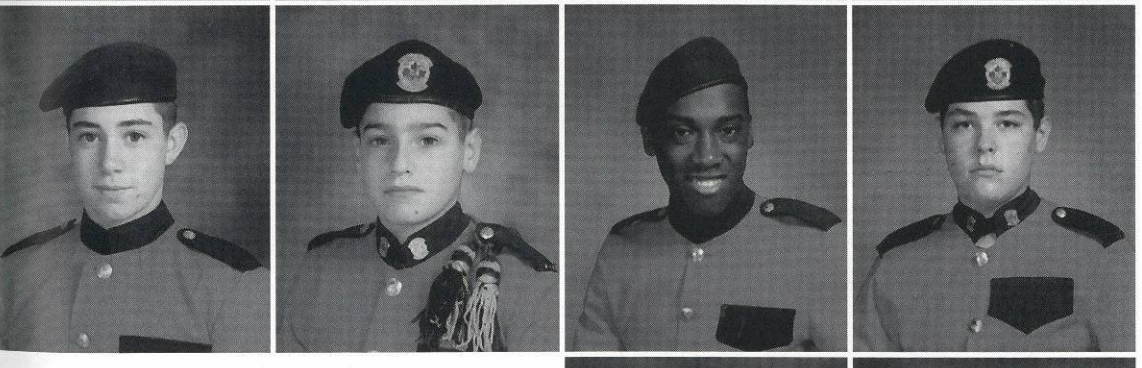

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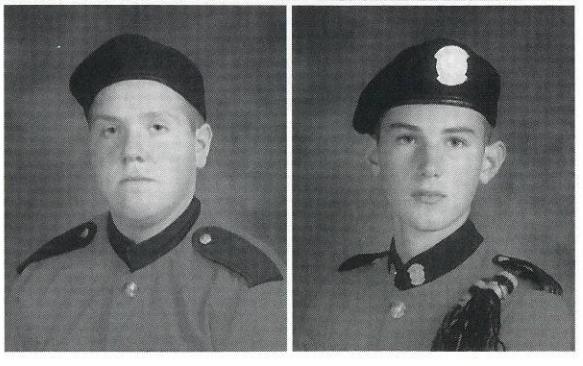
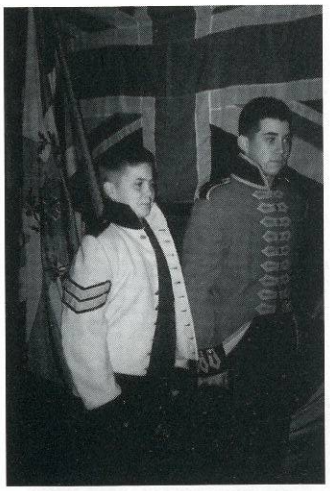


Daniel Swala
Chris Vining

Alpha Company participates in the Christmas Celebrations of 1812.

FORT GEORGE

Faces in the Fort
Cadets getting a basic lesson on the uniforms of Fort George in 1812.

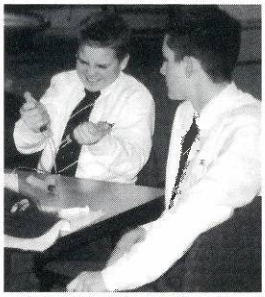


Attentiveness
Cadets are captivated by the lessons of the re-enactors at the Fort.

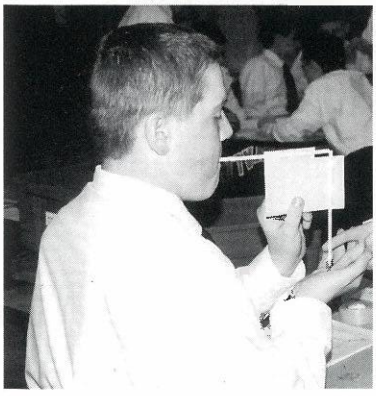
Hamilton Warplane Heritage Museum

The cadets of Alpha Company learn the characteristics of flight thorough a series of interactive demonstrations.

Barman Grover testing the characteristics of exerted pressure.



Cadets looking into the cockpit of a CF 5 Freedom Fighter.



Bernoulli's Principle works for Cadet Swala.

Cadets standing in the fuselage of a DC-8, better known as the "Dakota".

Barman Gurd getting a lesson on atmosphere pressures.

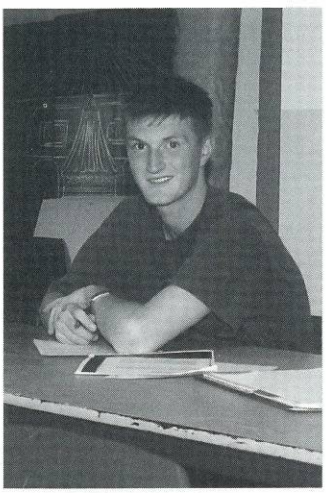
A perfect place for flying model planes - in the hanger!

Barman Brophy - "it's a perfect fit, I'll take it home".

Achievement through Academics

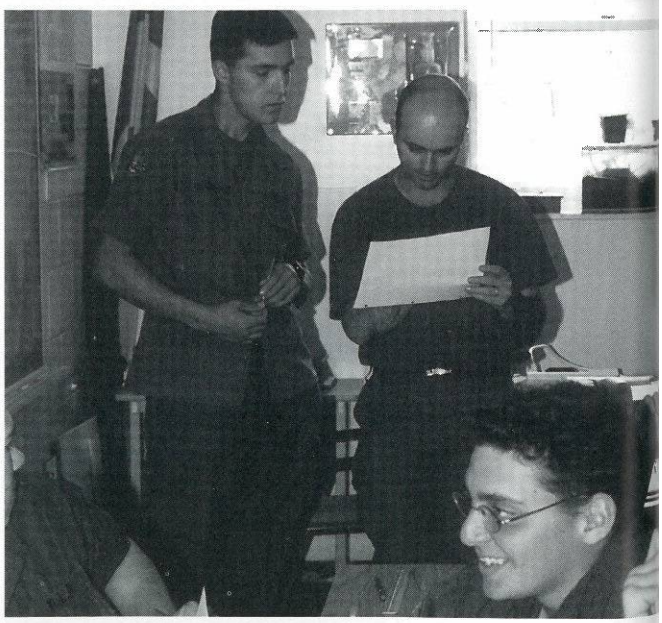
IN CLASS!

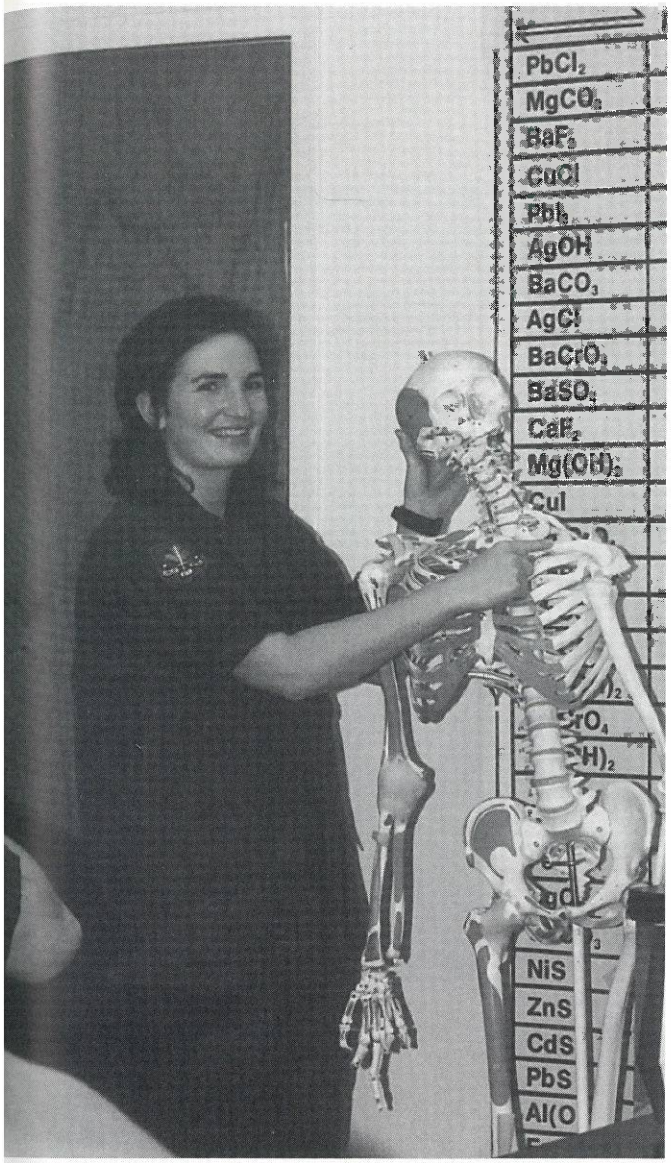
David Deeks in Lt Simmons class early in the spring.



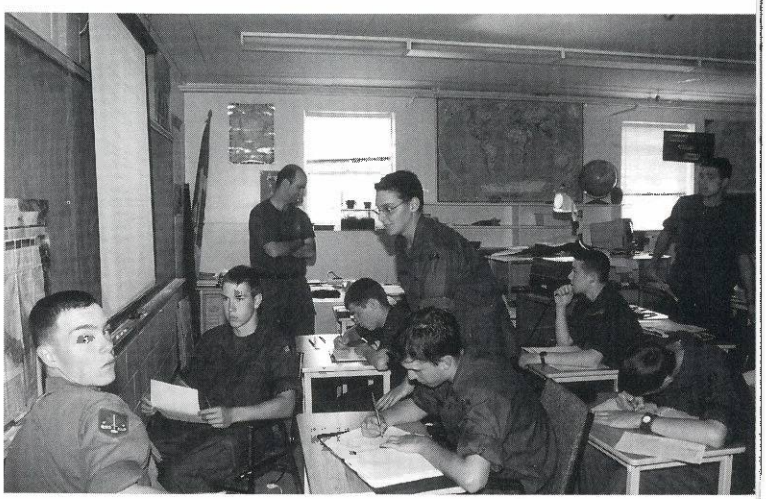
Lt Bates watches over a class.

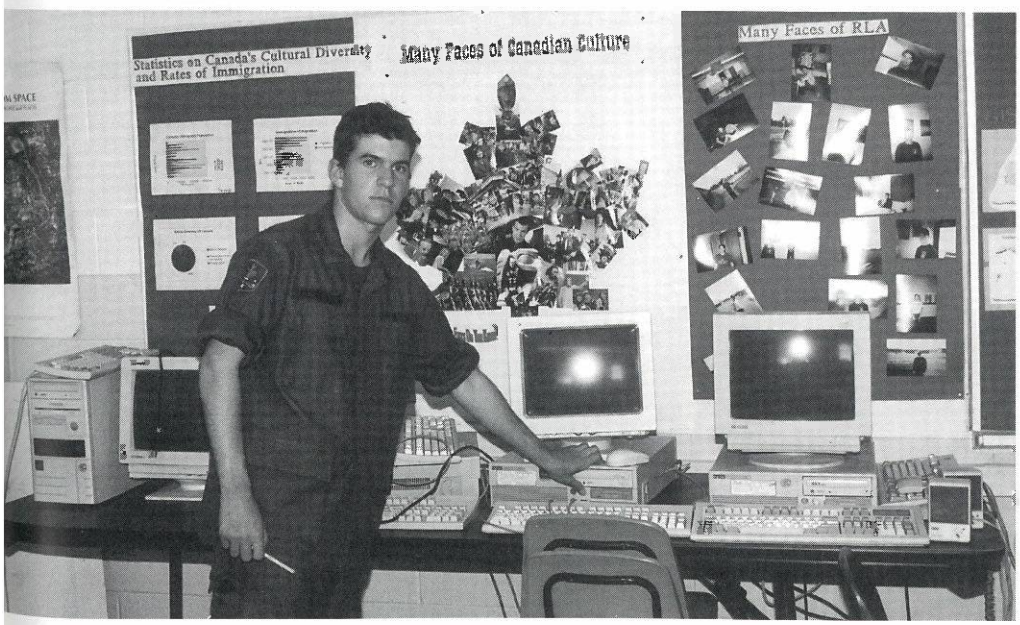
Capt White review work completed by Holland Wabie.

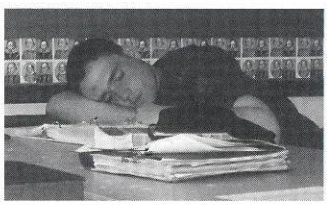




Capt Phelps lectures in her senior Biology class.





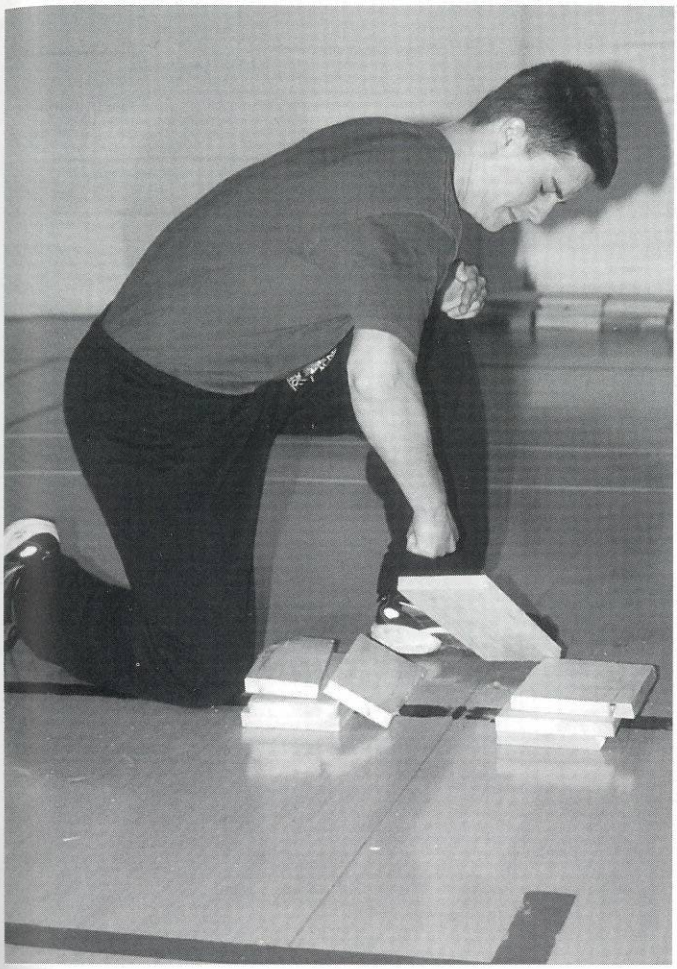


Shhhhhh!

Sgt. Walker excelled in individual study skills.

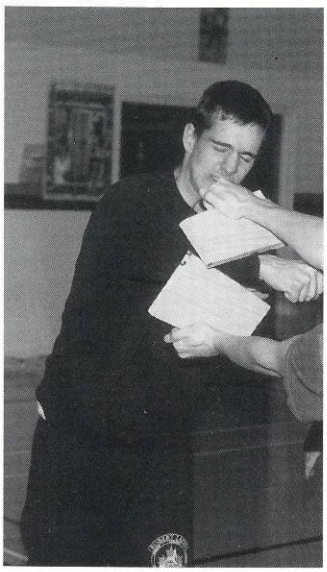
SPORTS

Brute Force
Cpl Graham smashing boards while on Spring Ex.

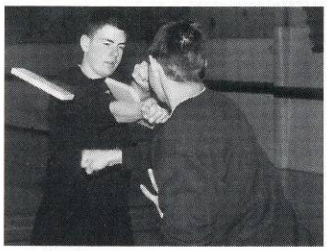


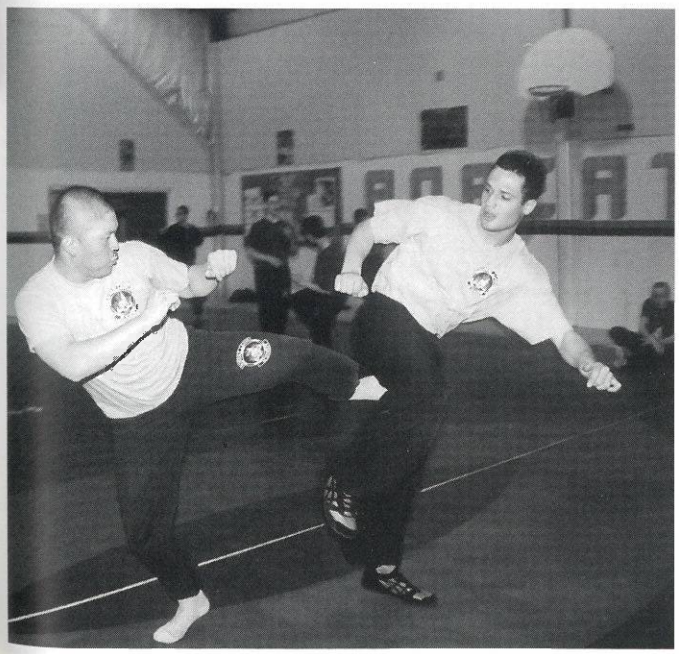
Second year for the Martial Arts Club and growing!

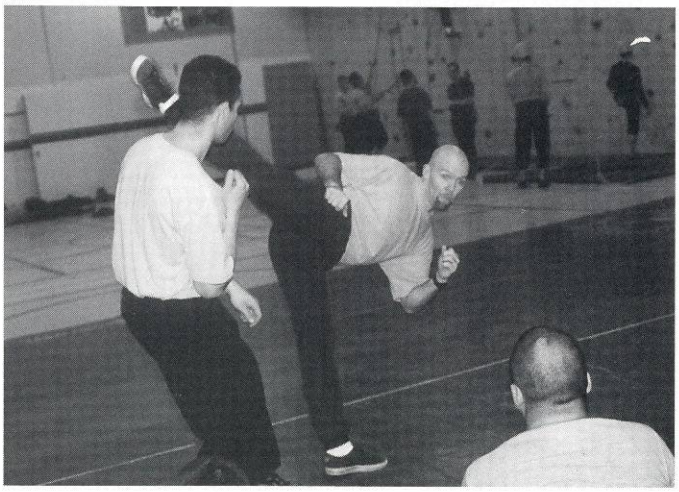
Martial Arts Training



"You Hold, I'll Punch"
Cadets learning to break boards with minimal bruising or the breaking of bones.





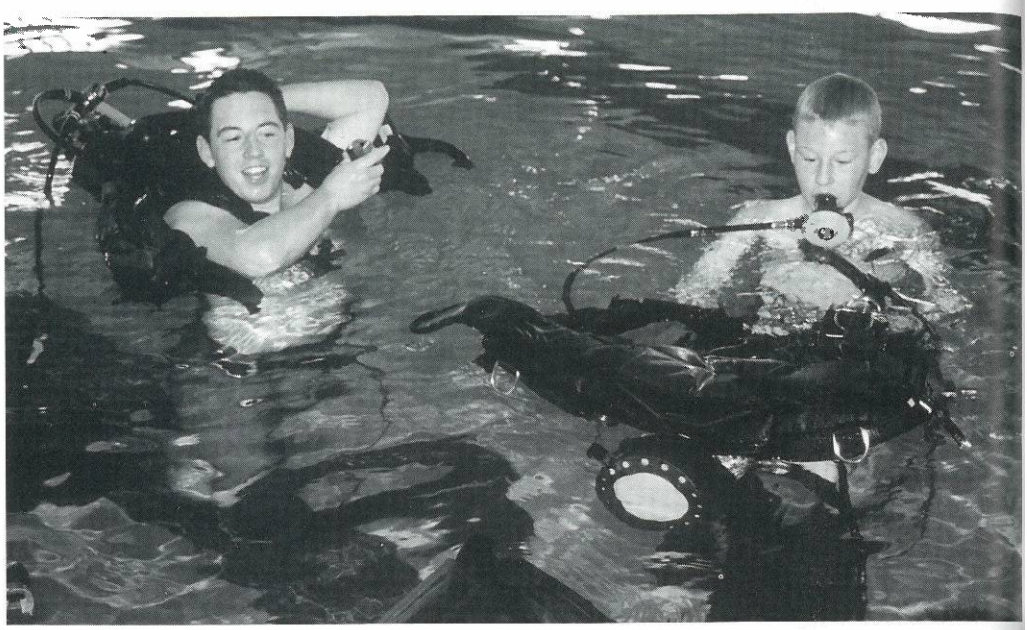


Sparing
Sgt Hong and L/Cpl Testa practise moves before putting on the sparing equipment.

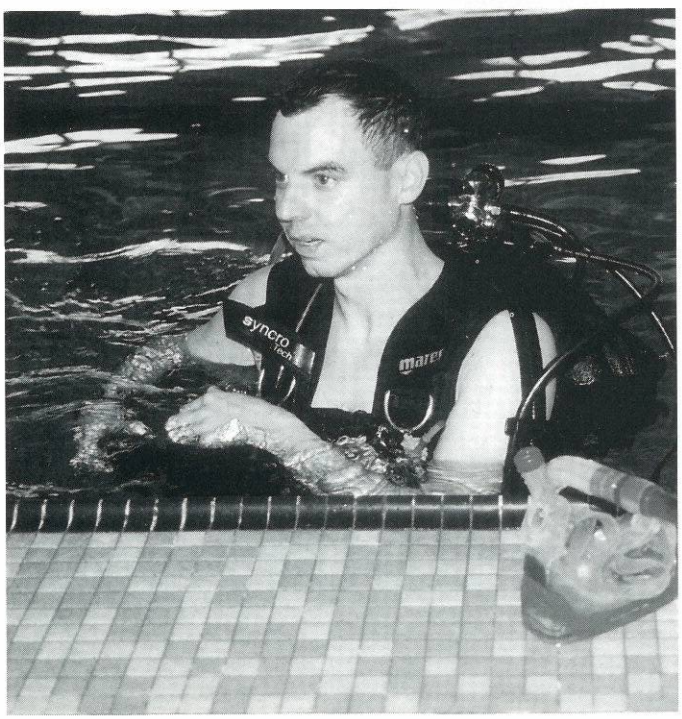
"Fearless Leader"
Lt Grieves who has a second Dan black belt, leads the Martial Arts club

Scuba Diving

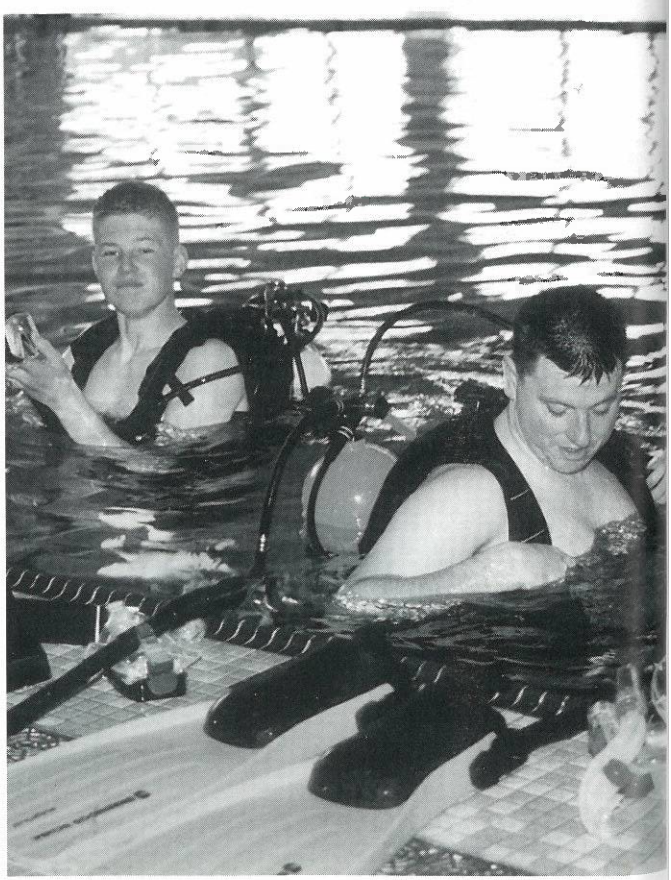
Experiencing the Challenges of the Deep



POOL TIME!
Adam Hyszko and Tristan McCall enjoying the lesson in the pool.



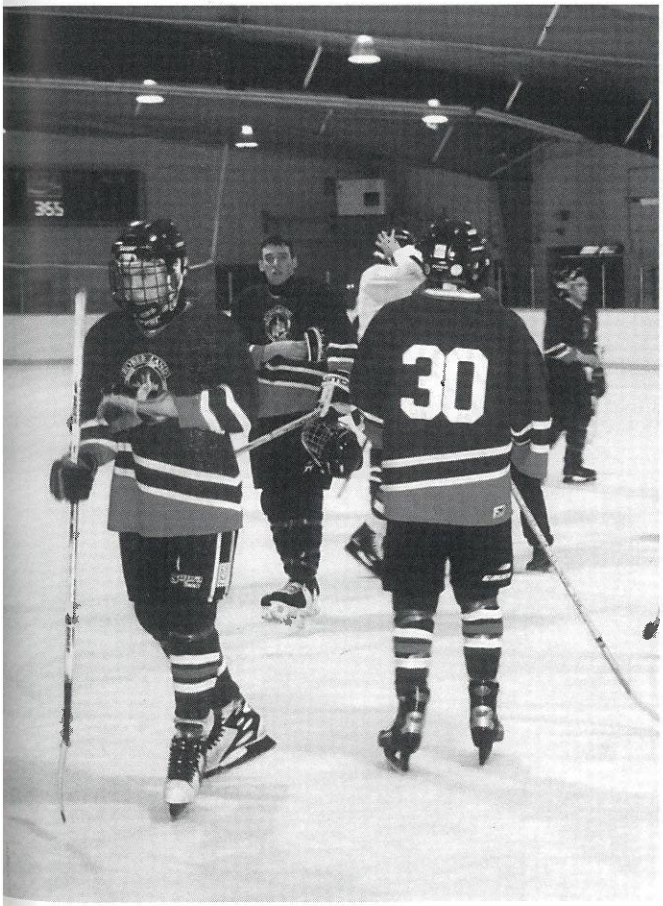
THE LEADER
CSM Robinson has conducted the scuba courses for several years.



Darryl Brophy and Lt James tired after a morning of training.

Hockey Rules

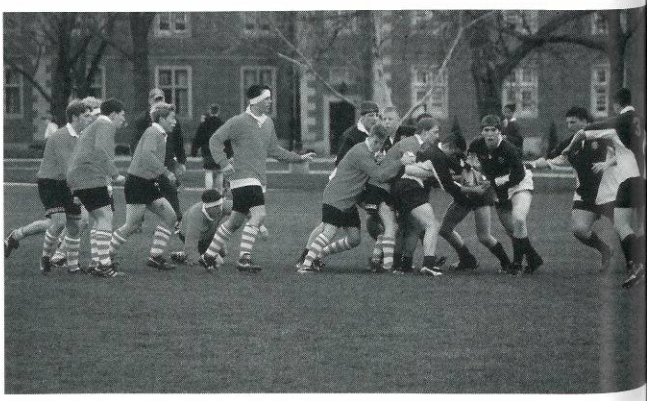
CSM Grenier and his winning team.



The toughest game on campus!

RUGBY

Students from grades 8 to OAC have played.

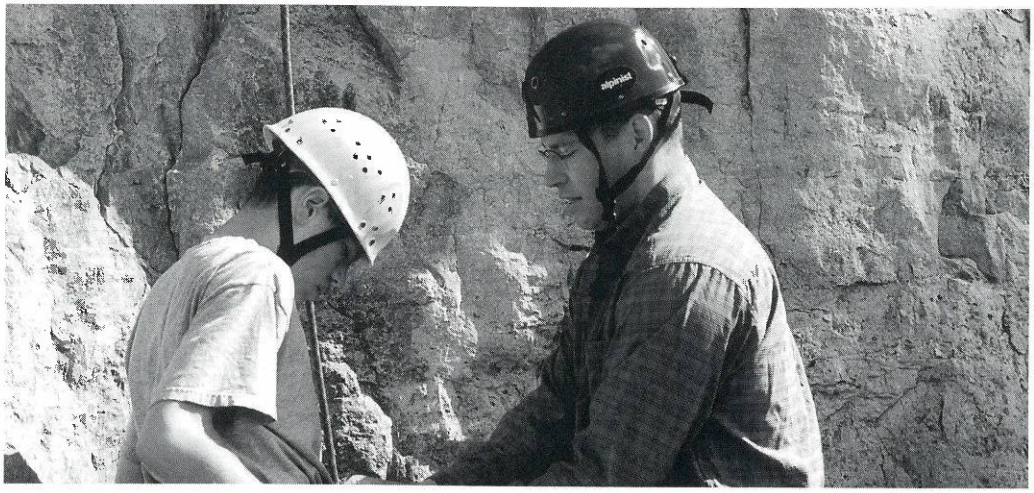


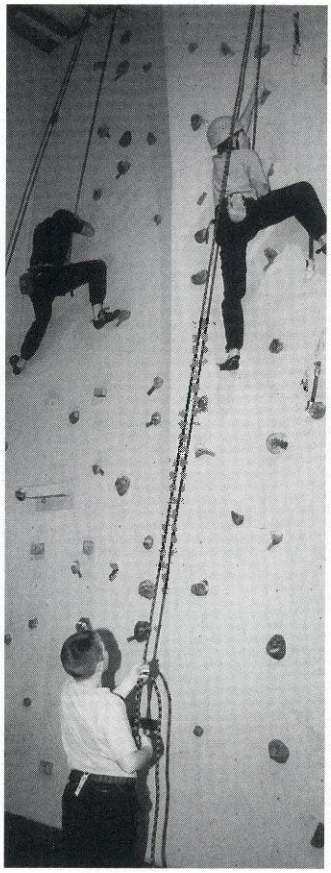
Accept the
CHALLENGE

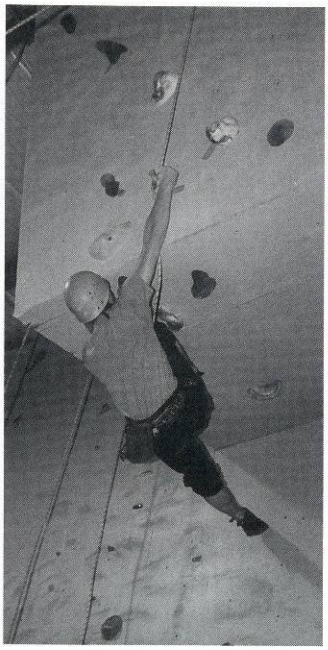
Members of the competition climbing team.

CLIMBING

Double Checking
Capt. Gibson checking the harness on Richard Proulx.



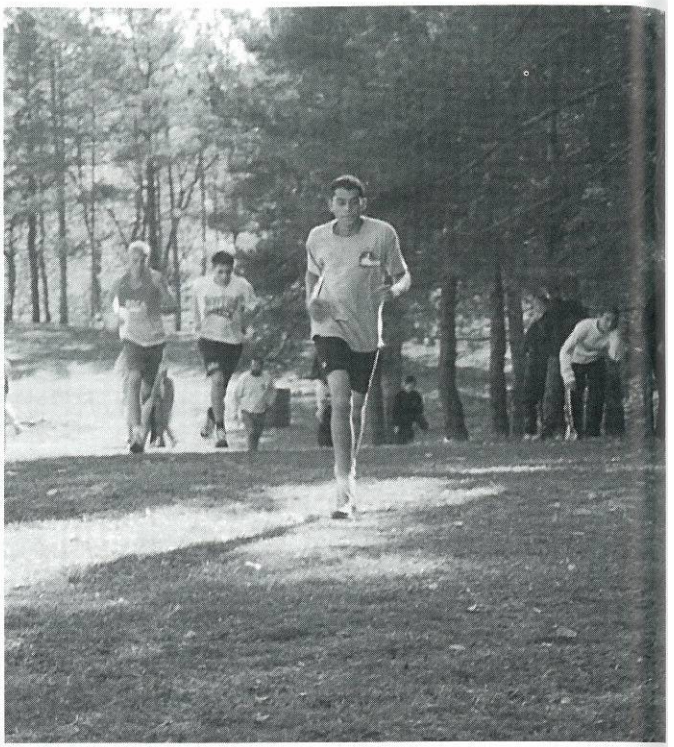


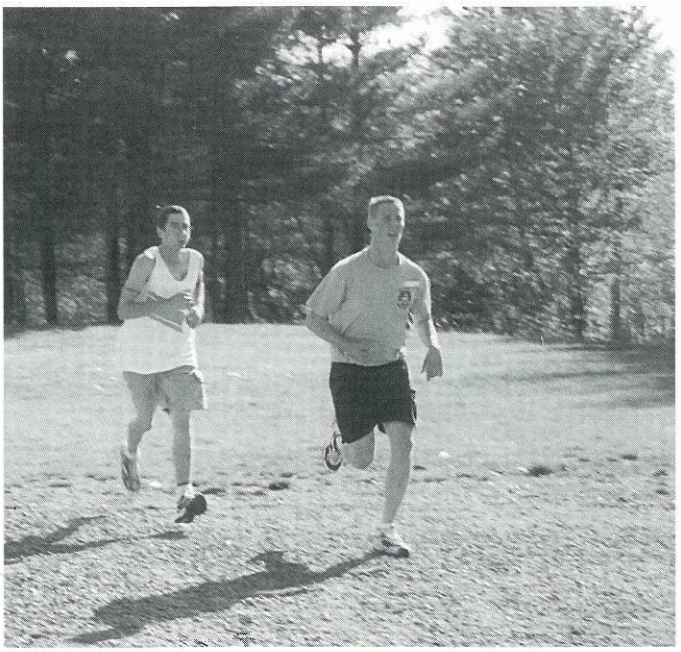


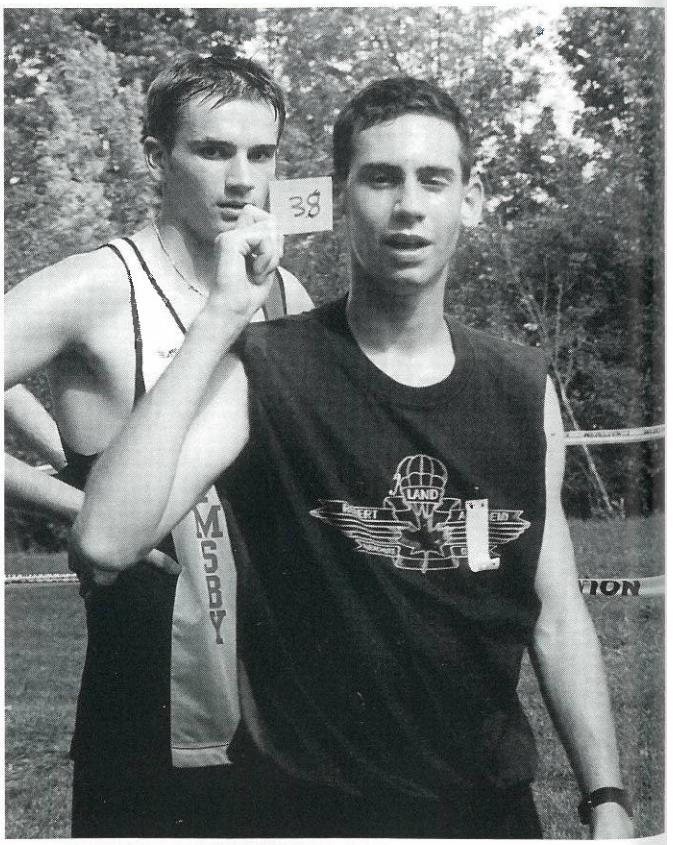
Andy Grover and others on the Rock Climbing Wall in Ivey Hall.

Cross-Country Team

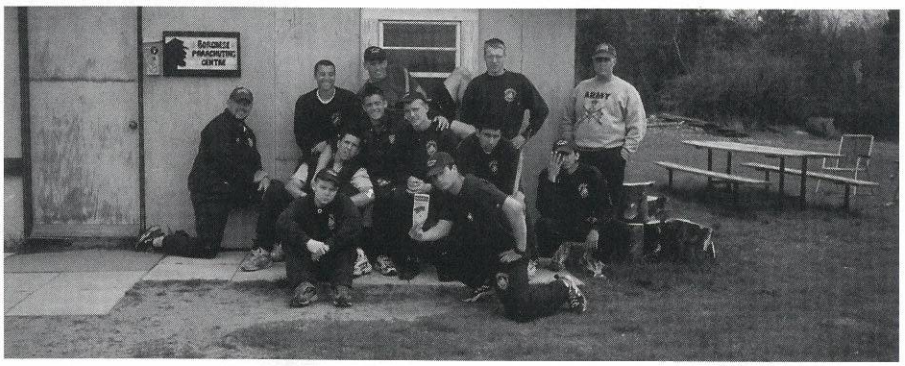
Early in the school year, the cross-country team begins it's extensive training.







RLA WRESTLING TEAM

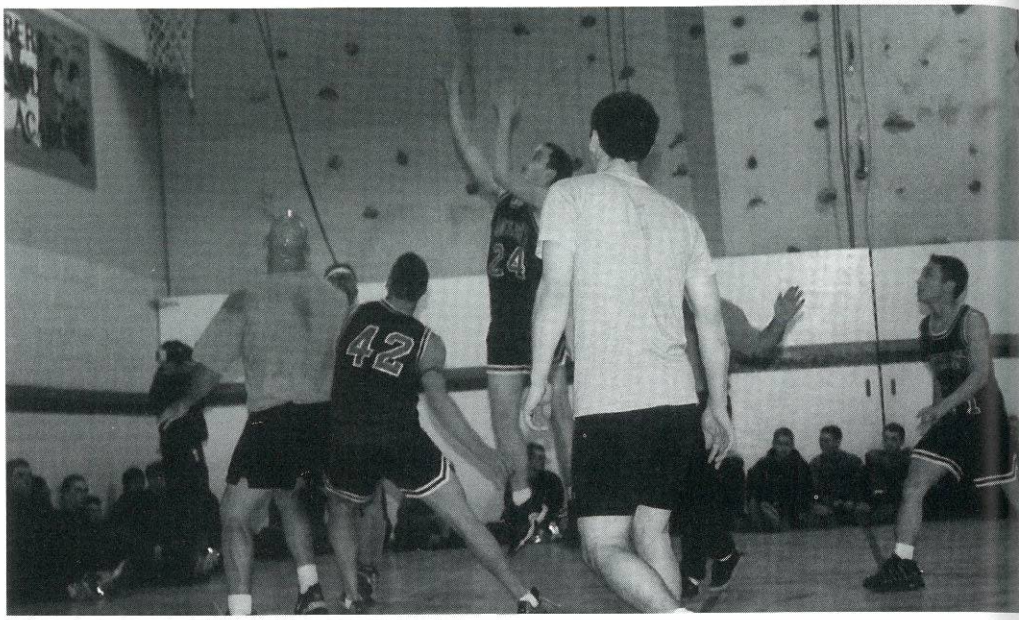


RLA Parachuting Course

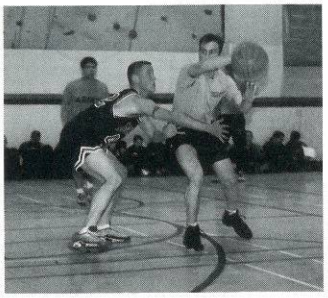
The successful candidates on the Parachuting Course were: Eric Caron, Daniel Church, Blake Hyde, Ryan Marshall, Farooq Rasul, Brian Roach, Shane Robertson, Olaf Rubis, Michael Scott, Joseph Testa, WO Routery, and Lt Weddig.

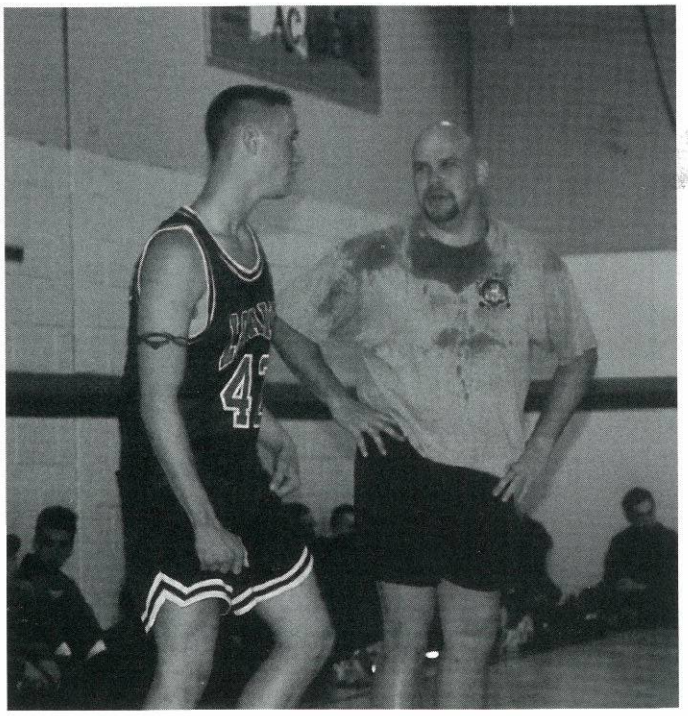
Staff vs. Students in Basketball

Competitive games where youth challenges experience.

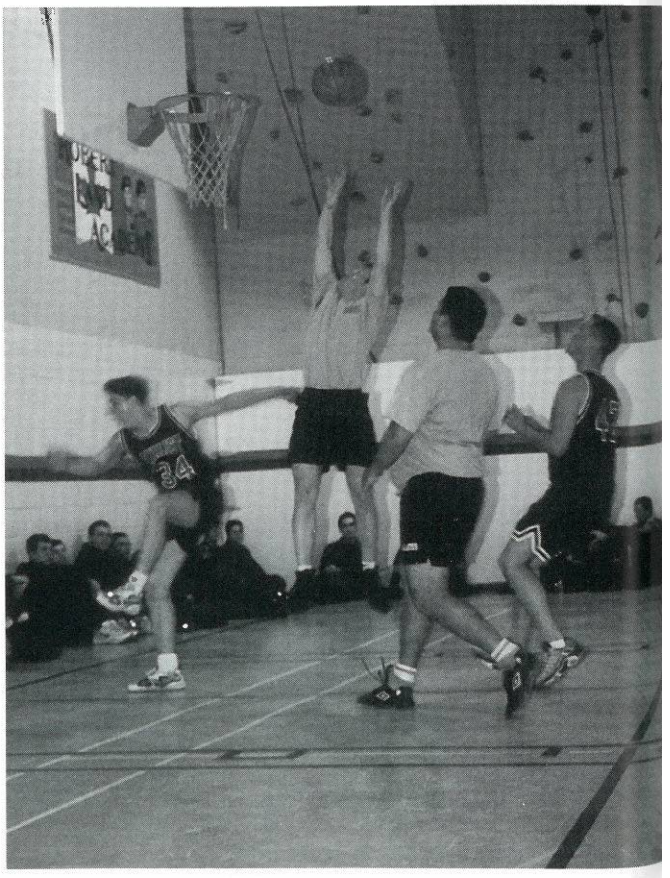


Lt. Lee tiring to break away.





Lt. Weddig taking a breather during the game.



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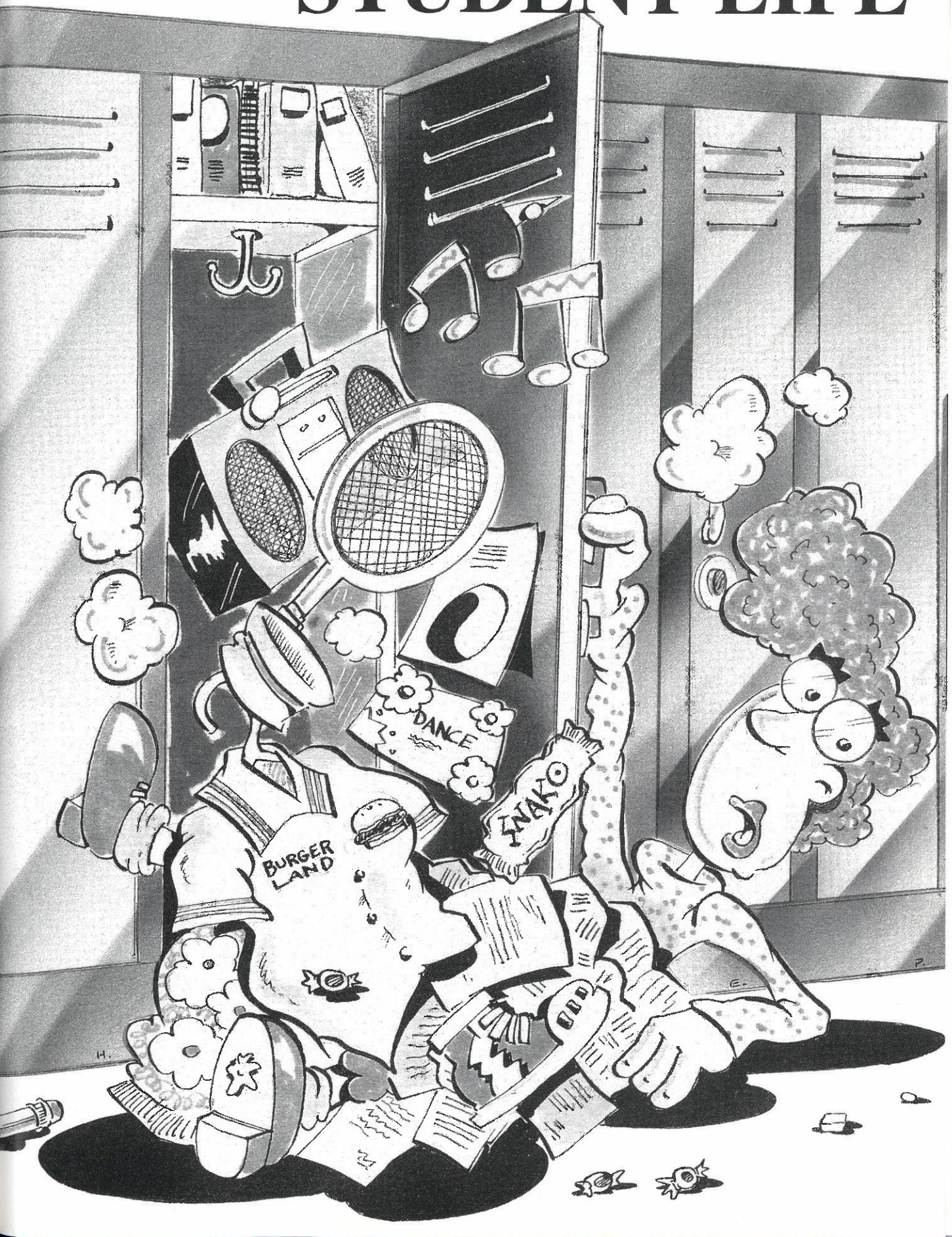

Fun and excitement found in an afternoon at the indoor pool a
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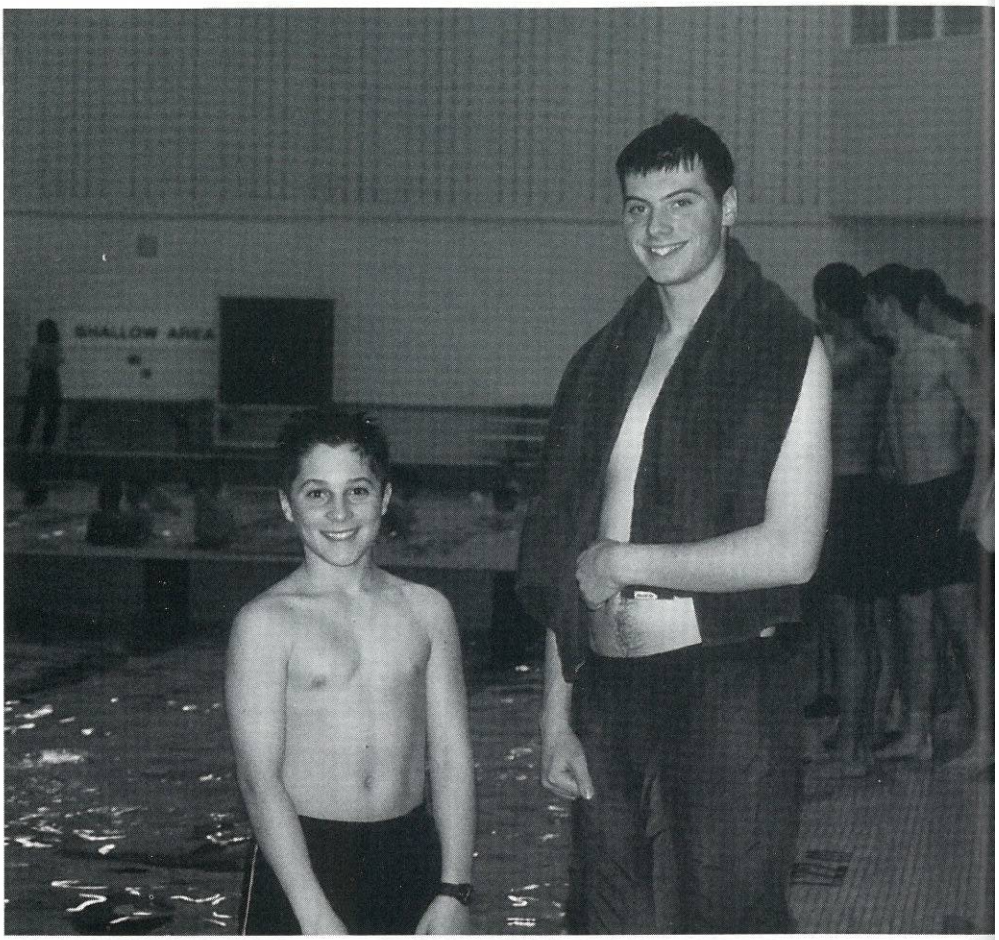
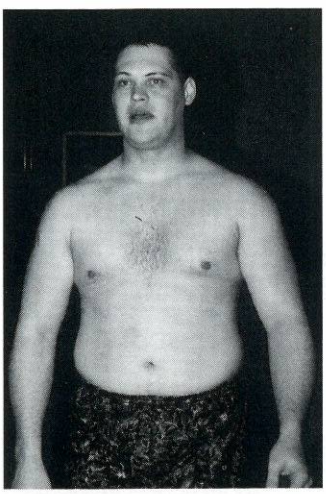
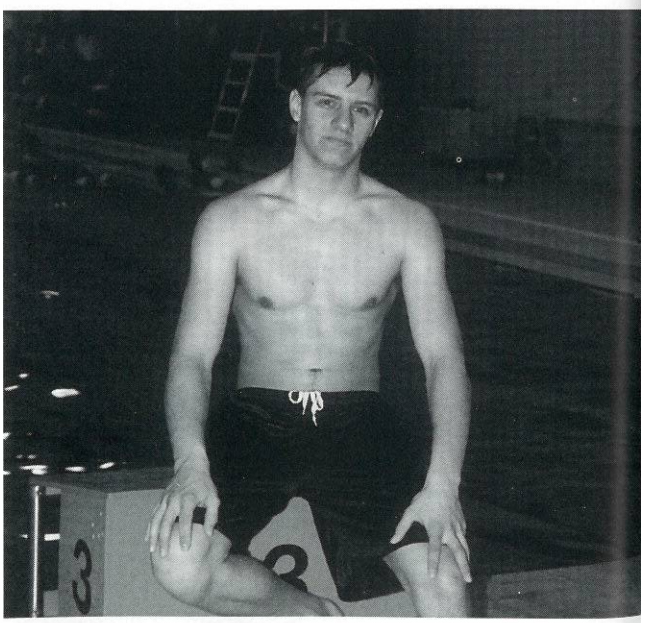
WATER OLYMPICS

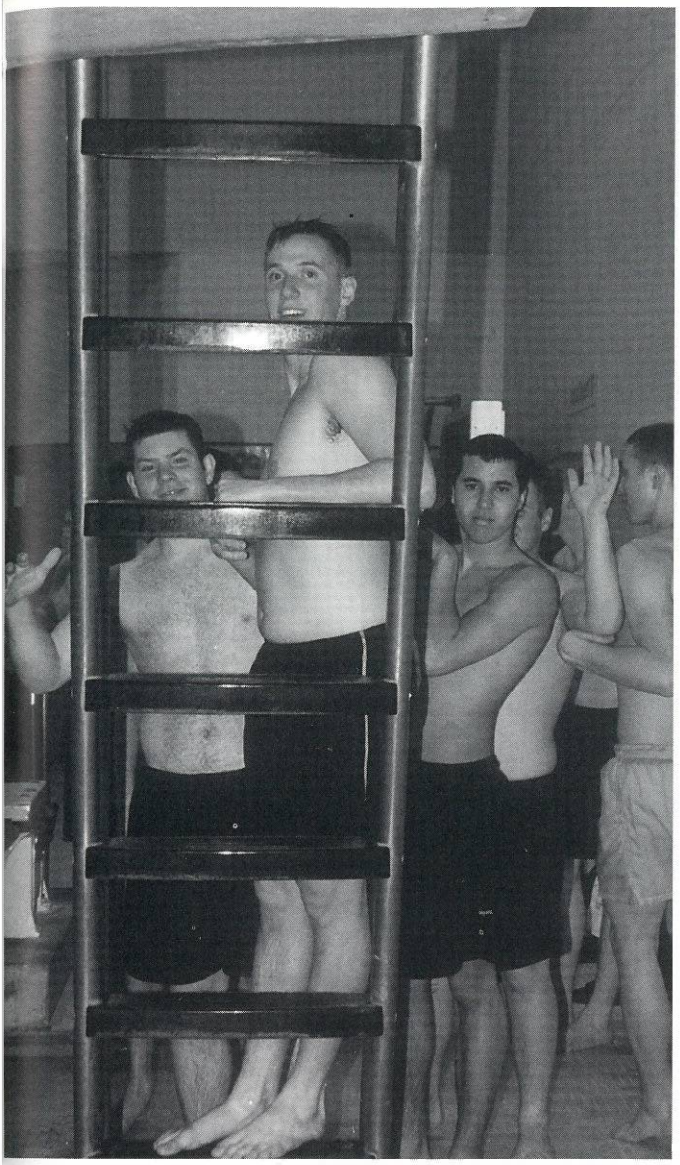


MCpl. Kuracina and Cpl. Gorrie at pool side.

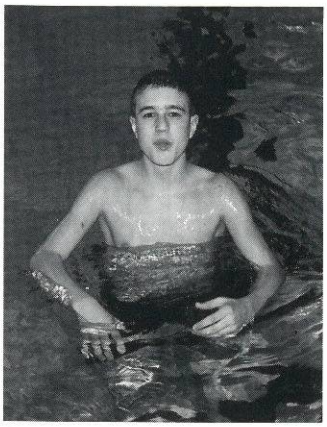
The Big Guy!
CSM Evans



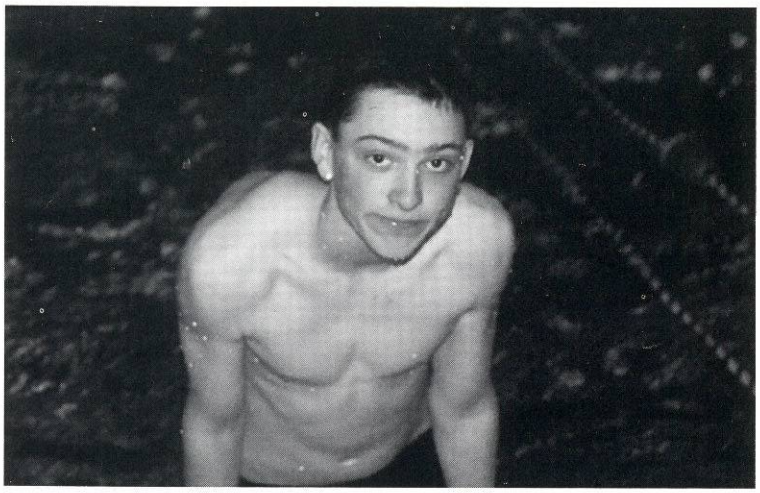


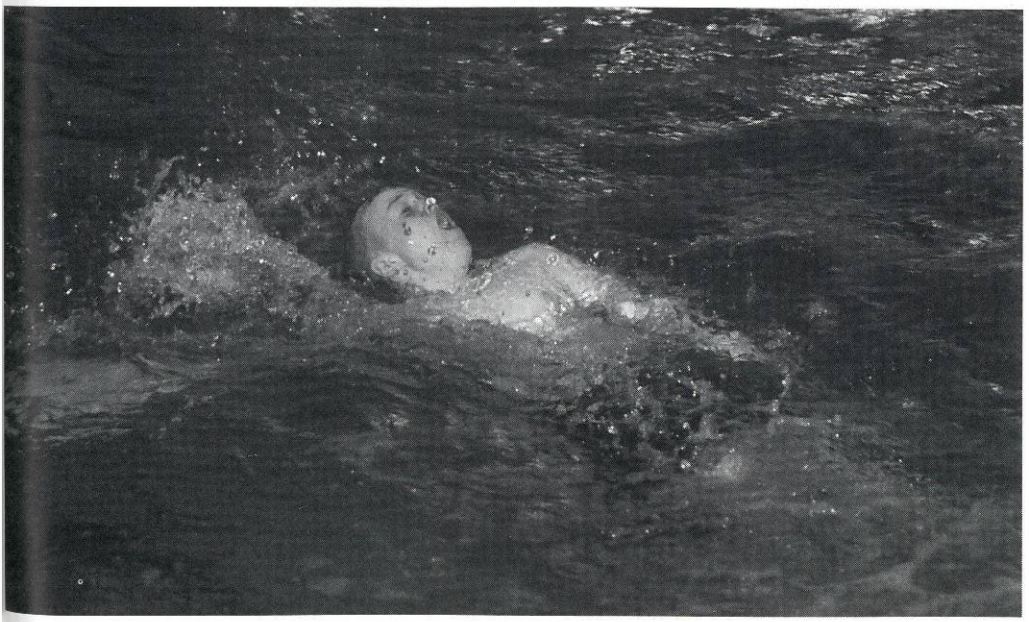


Senior at the tower waiting their turn to the high boards.

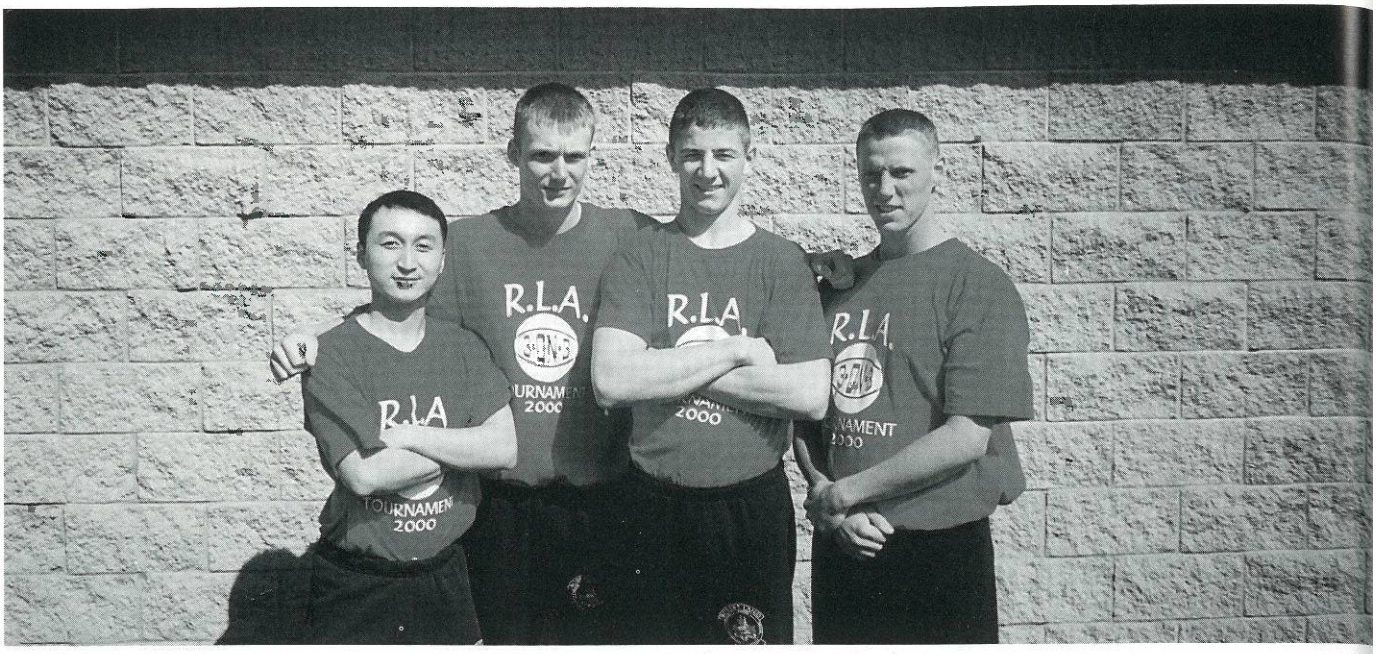


Double Barman Gamblin



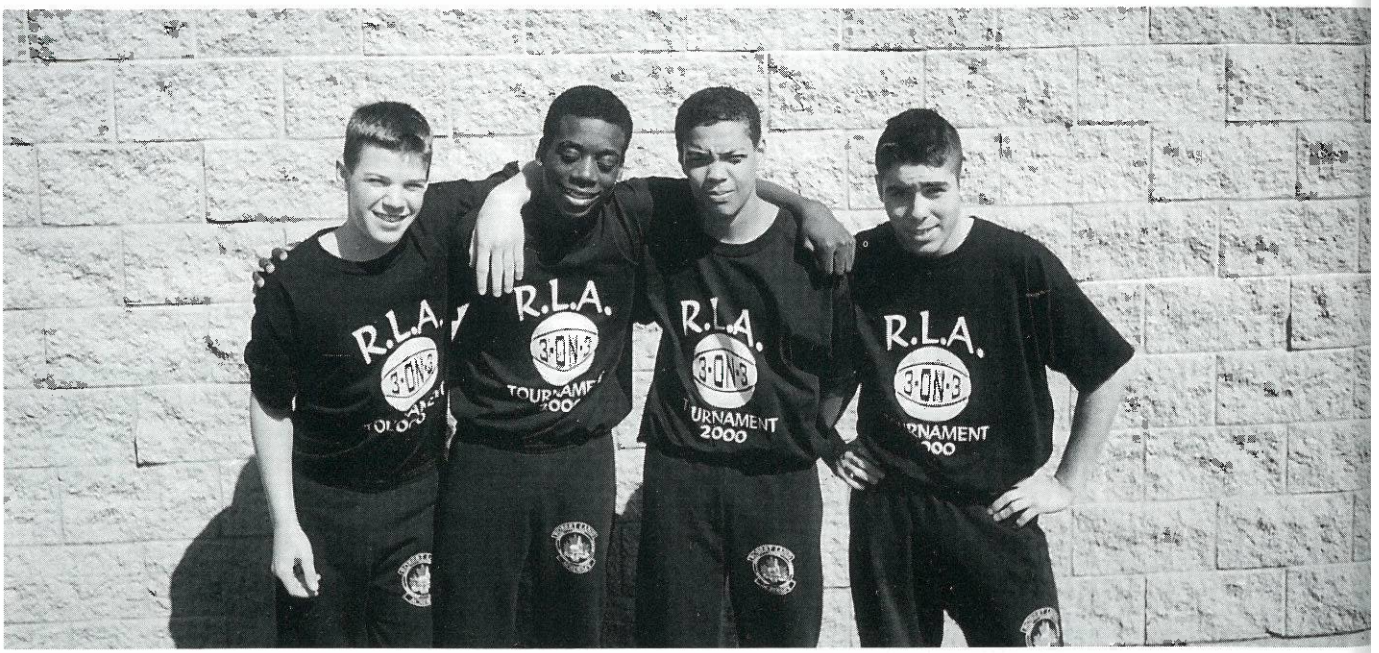


Barman Jermain giving his best during the competition.



Senior Team - Hoops for Heart

In March, Robert Land Academy hosted a fundraiser for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. The event was coordinated by **Joseph Testa** who was presented with a certificate of leadership on Wednesday, May 11 by a representative of the Heart and Stroke Foundation. The top Senior team consisted of Heyes, Rubis, Kwan and Stuart, earning themselves one weeks worth of "sleep-ins" and a pizza party.



Junior Team - Hoops for Heart

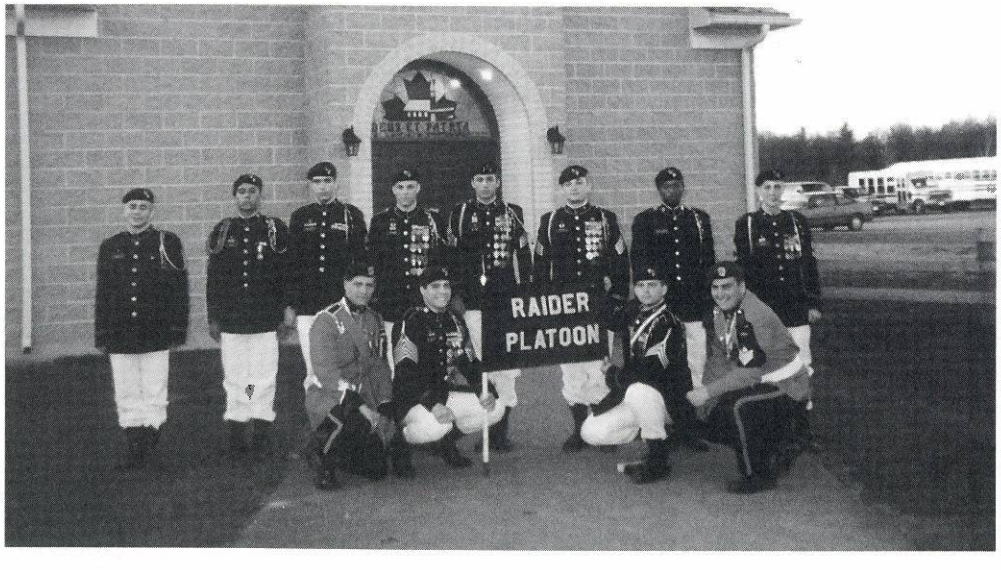
The Junior teams played very well. They were extremely competitive which made for entertaining basketball. Ventura, McMorrow, Davis C., and Glover made up the first place Junior team.

Friendly Competition between Military Academies.

Massamutten Military Academy

SENIOR STAFF
In the centre, President Albert stands with Major Bowman.

RAIDERS
Members of the Raiders Platoon march on their colours.



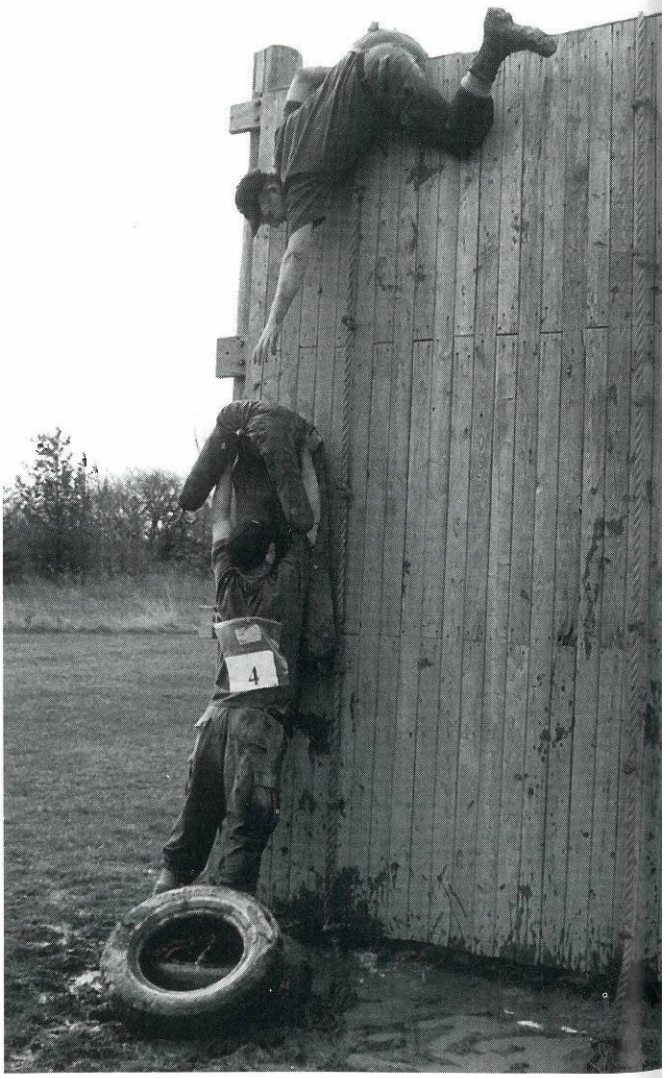
OUTLANDER COMPETITION

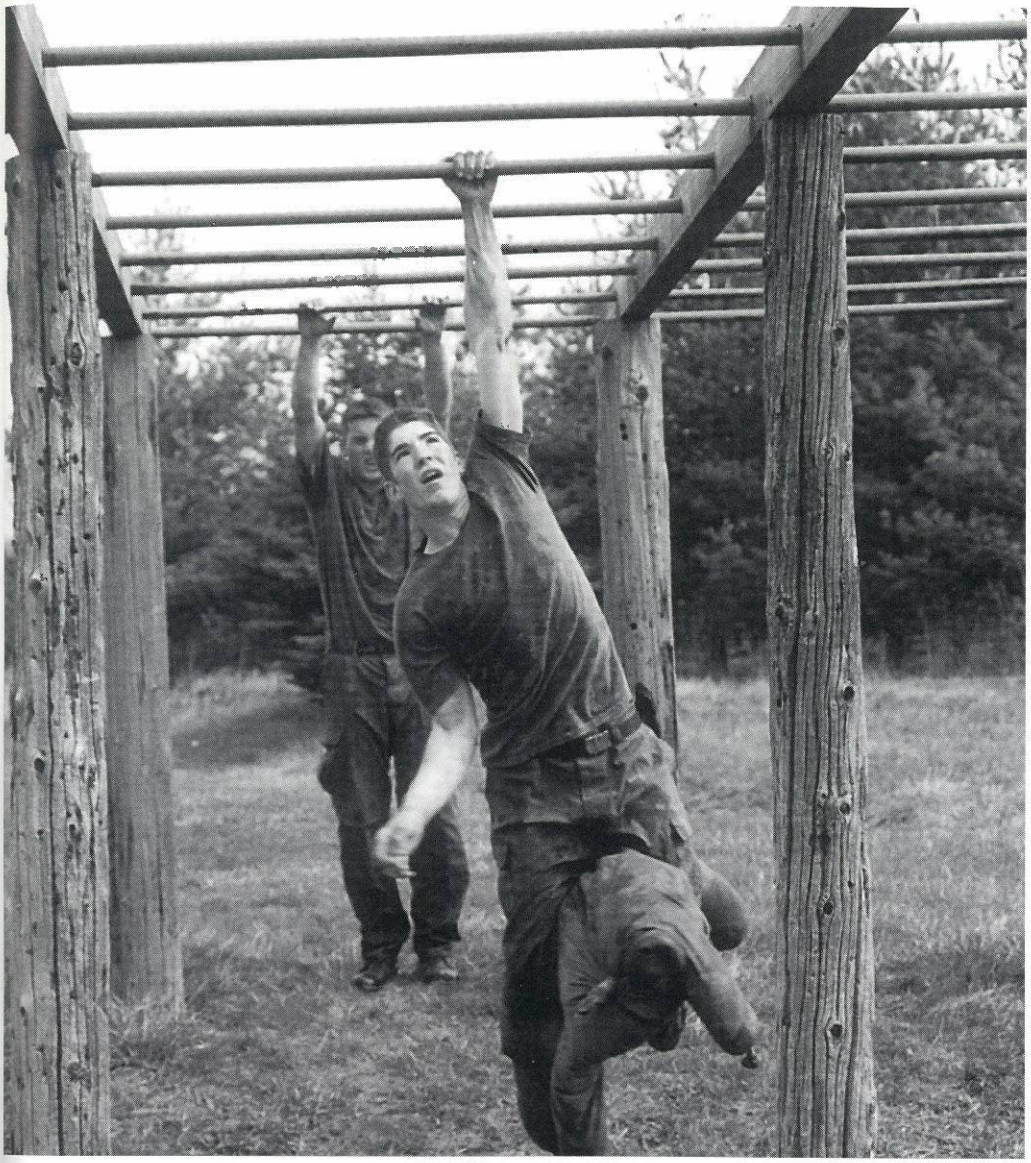
Two Hours of Hard, Intensive Bushcraft Skills Display

Barman Brock Wallace keeping safety in mind at the water skills obstacle.

Keeping Your Head Down!
Cadets Tristan McCall and Jesse Estrella move slowly at the low wire entanglement obstacle.

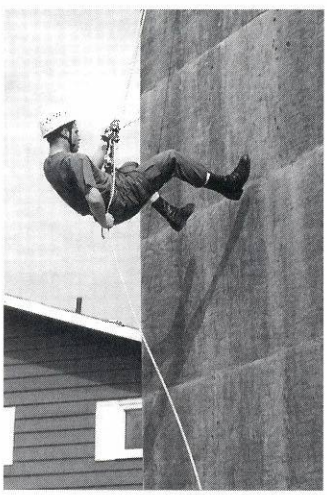
"Just a Little Closer!"
Teammates doing their best at the 12 foot wall.





"All Most There!"
Nearing the end of the competition, Sgt. Grant and Cpl. McKay are still going strong.

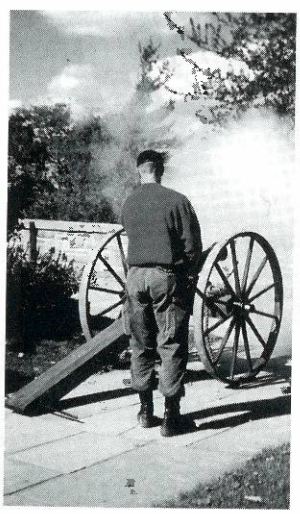
"One on Rappel"
Cpl. Joseph Testa easily rappels the tower.

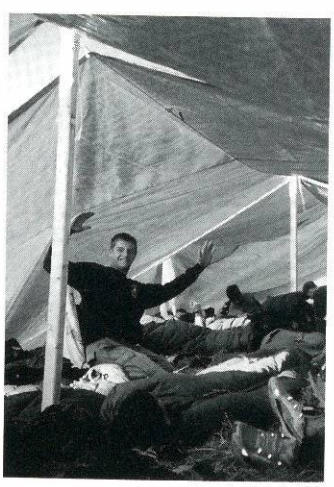


Lt. Grieve watches on as Bar Holland Wabie and Cadet Philip Scopis attempt the fire making obstacle.

The Fall Ex

Two days of competition across the Niagara Peninsula, with a third day's march from Fort George up to Brock's Monument at Queenston Heights. The Fall Exercise is the culminating events which brings together all the training in the first month of school. Both staff and student experience the bonding which comes from enduring and succeeding together.





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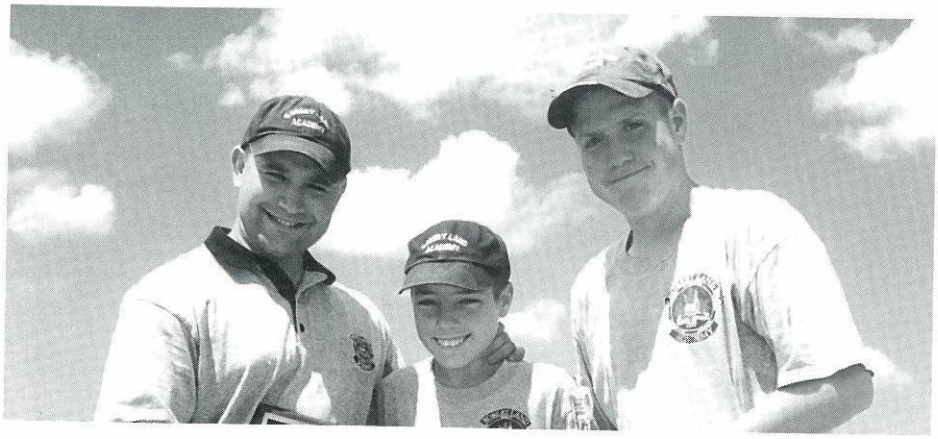
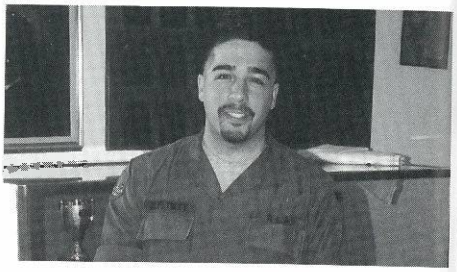
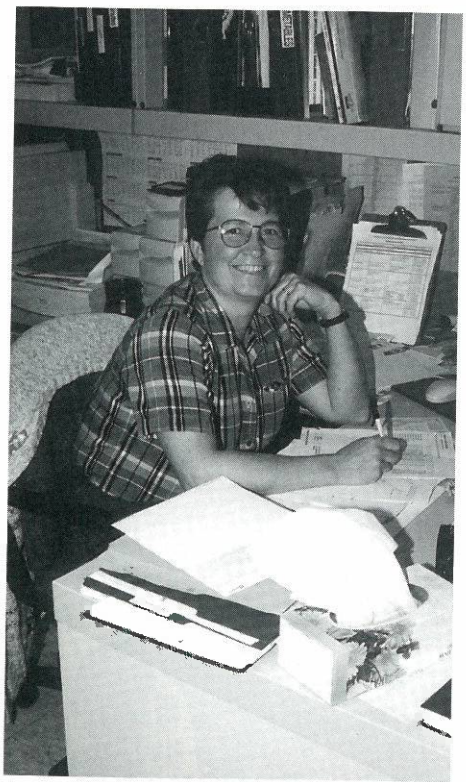
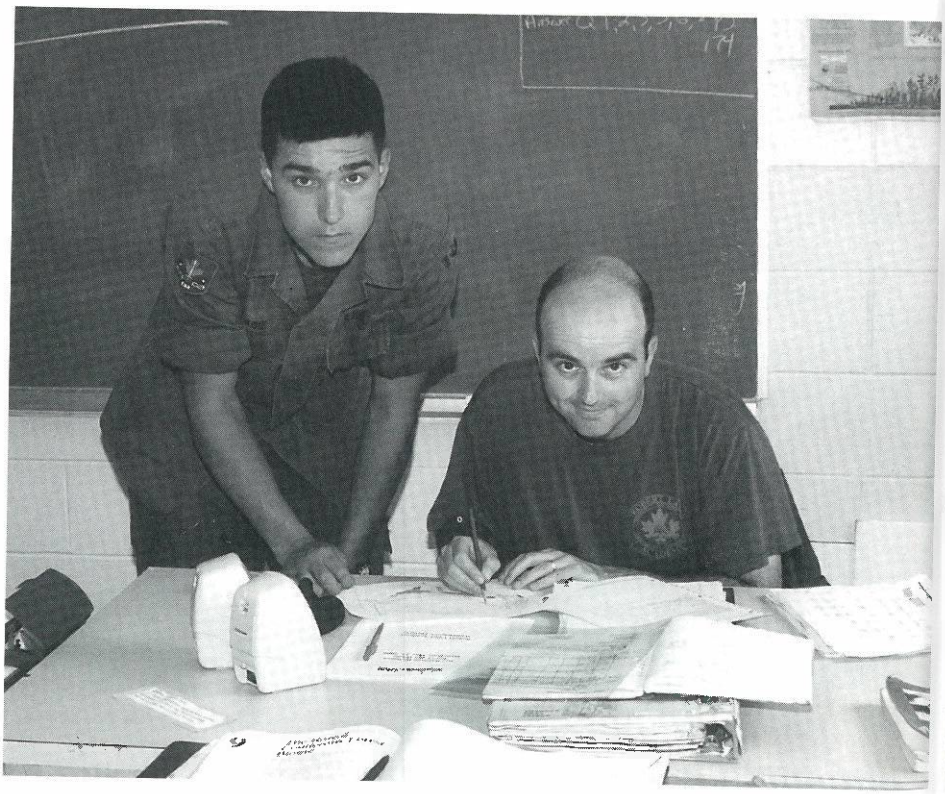
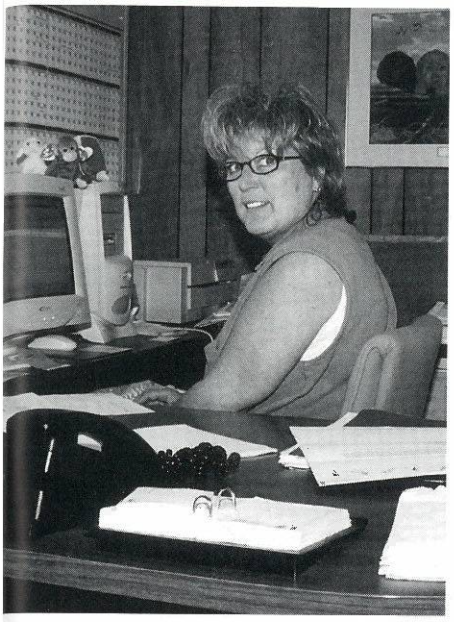
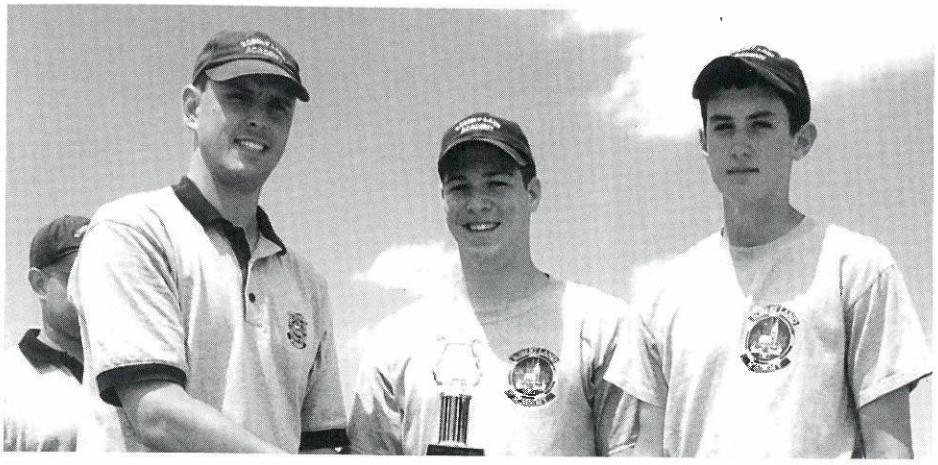


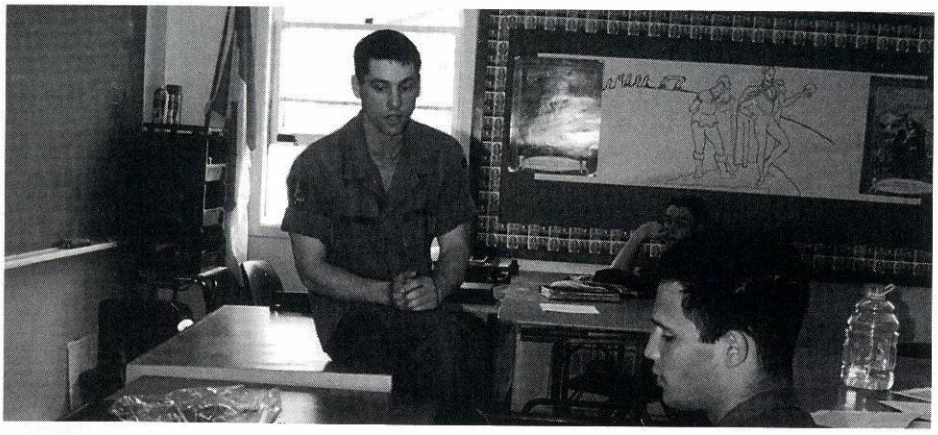


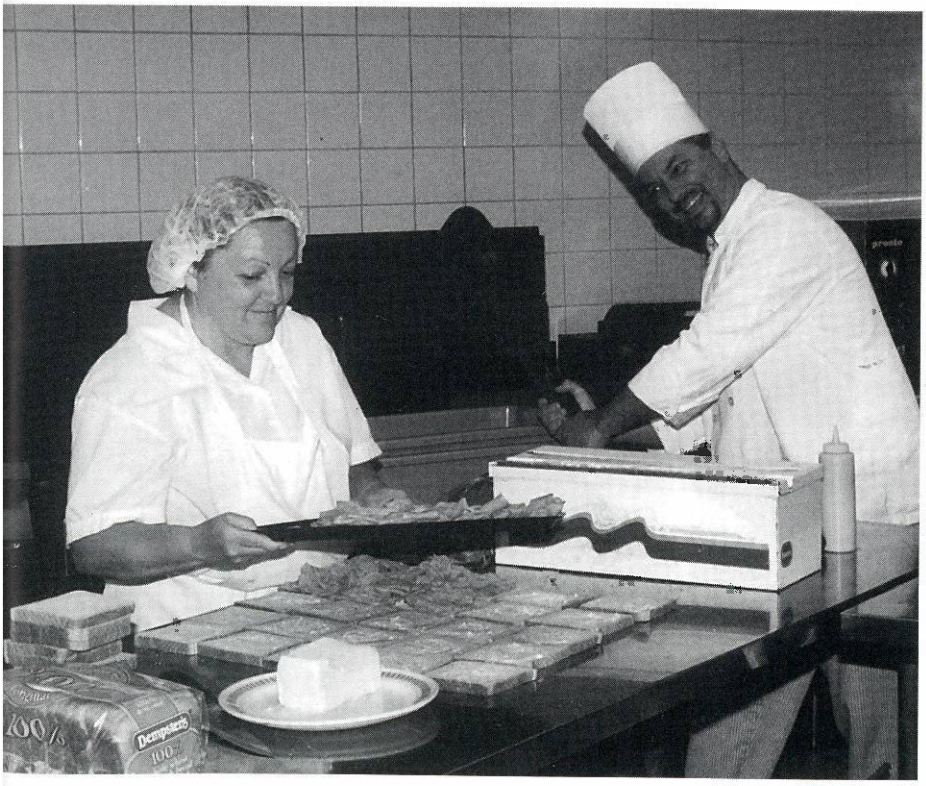


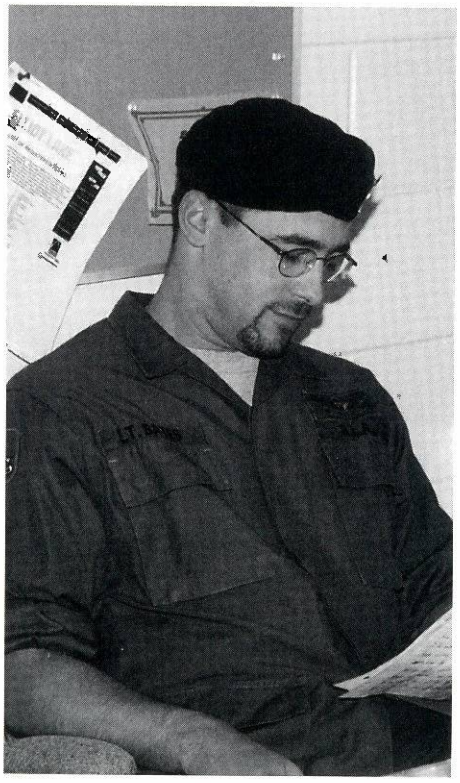


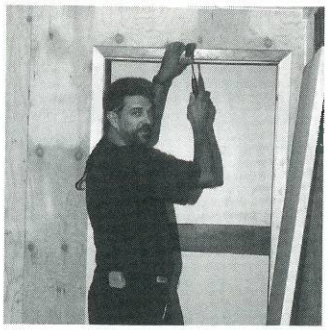


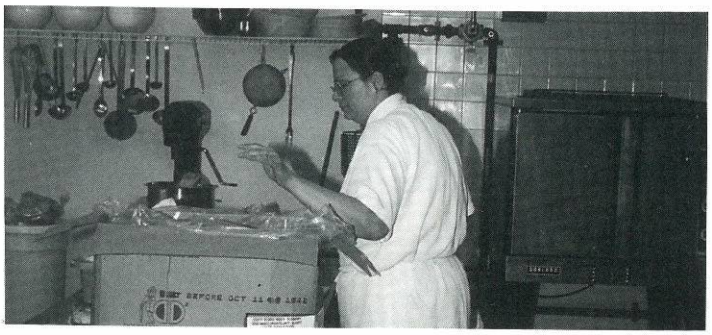


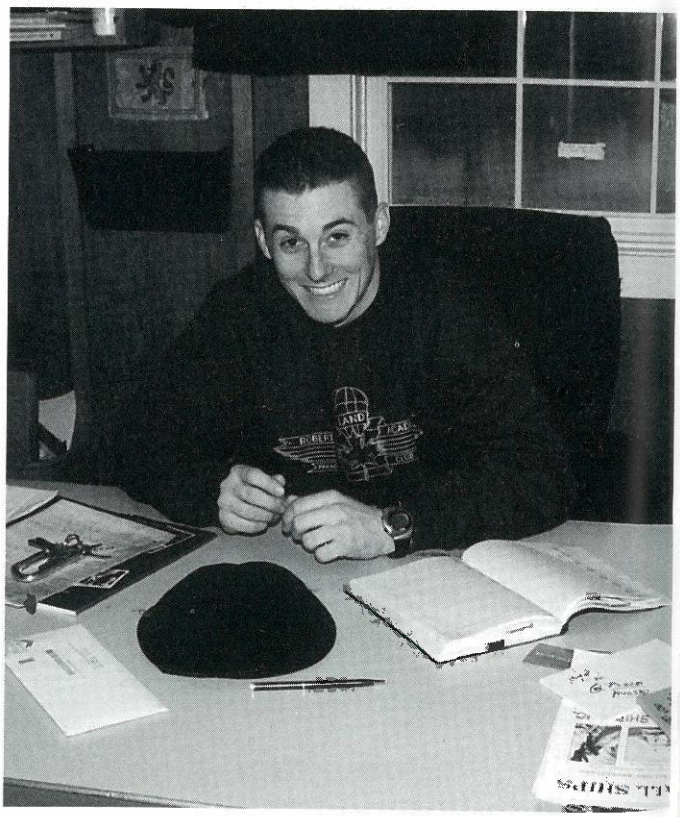


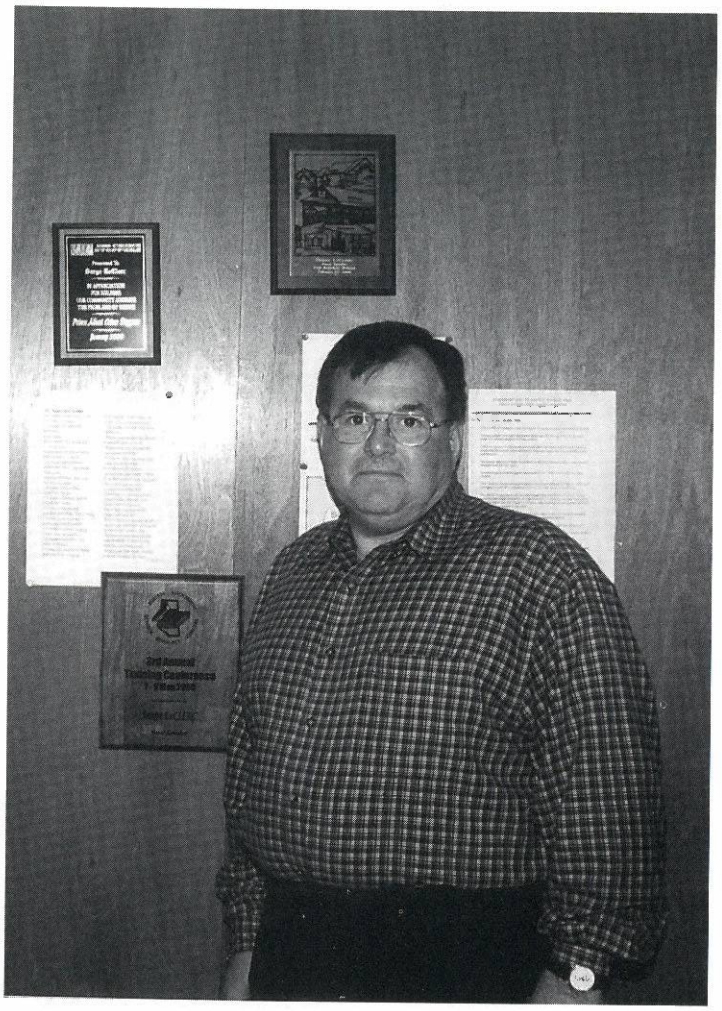


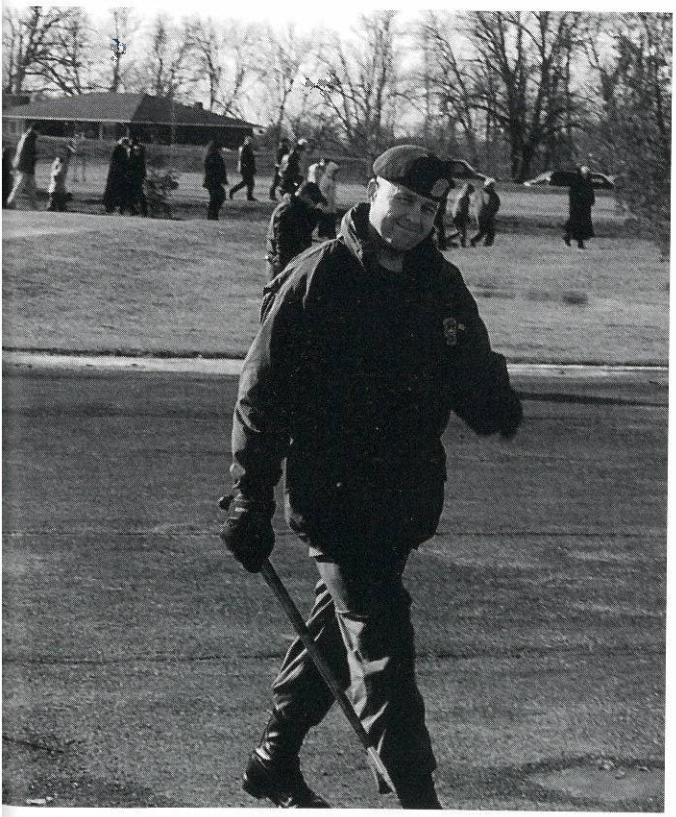


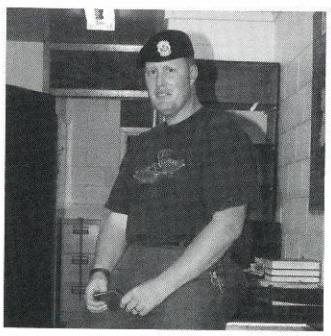






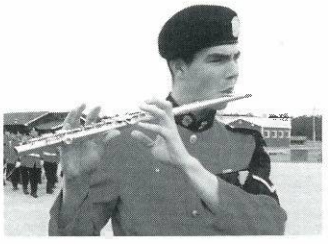






HONOUR PARADE

L/Cpl. Adrien Levesque plays with the marching band.



COLOUR PARTY
L/Cpl. Matthew Pochwalowski

BAND MASTER
M/Cpl. Brendan Walker

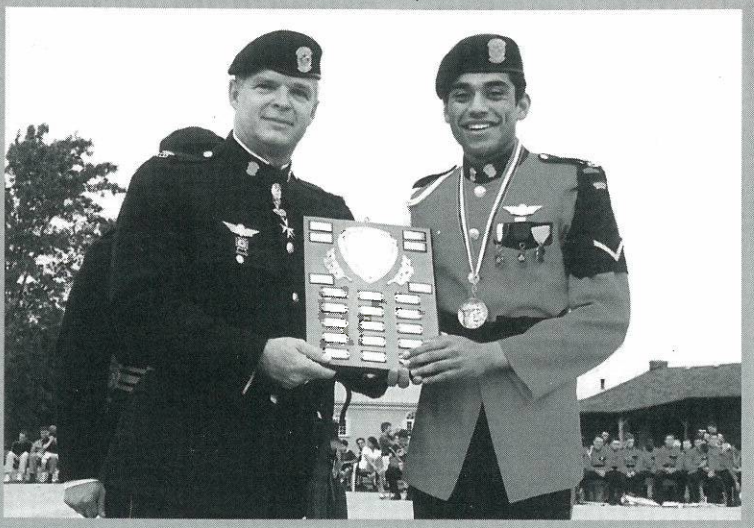
Cpl. Joseph Testa
AMSCUS AWARD - the highest qualities of tolerance and self-initiated compassion towards other nationalities.

Cpl. John Farrish
GOVERNOR GENERAL'S AWARD - for the highest academic standing.

Cpl. Joseph Testa
CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP AWARD - recognition for his all-round performance.

Cpl. Sean McKay
ATHLETE OF THE YEAR - the highest ability level in athletics.

To the Cadet who displayed the greatest achievement in all areas of school life; academic; athletic and citizenship.



L/Cpl. Farooq Rasul

Headmaster's Medal

To the Cadet who contributed the most to the school through leadership, participation and initiative.

Cpl. Joseph Testa

Robert Land Trophy

To the graduating student who demonstrated exemplary involvement in the Robert Land Academy community.

Sgt. Eric Simson

Lieutenant Governor's Community Volunteer Award

Corporal John Farrish
Valedictorian Speech
Grad Parade
June 24, 2000

Good morning Major Bowman, Governors, faculty, guests, family, friends, and fellow cadets.

In the book of Proverbs, Solomon says in chapter 3, verses 13 and 14:

> "Blessed is the man who finds wisdom,
> the man who gains understanding,
> for she is more profitable than silver
> and yields better returns than gold."

Ladies and Gentlemen, on this day, we all stand together with a new definition of wealth. By this new definition, we have attained riches beyond what we thought possible last September. With the guidance and advice of Major Bowman and all of the other staff, no matter how much the "guidance" hurt our backs or legs, we are closer to becoming the young men rich in wisdom that Proverbs speaks so passionately about.

We can say with absolute confidence that all of us standing on parade have made many strides forward in developing our character since September. In our year here at the Academy, we have witnessed some impressive acts of the will that we wouldn't have noticed or appreciated until we were surrounded by them. These acts demonstrated the values of commitment, courage, honour, labor, and loyalty, which have been ingrained into all of us.

Day in and day out, commitment was demonstrated for us, the students, by the teachers as they chose to spend their own time after a long day's work supervising athletics and holding tutorials for our benefit. To me, my company commander and CSM, Captain Doig and CSM Grenier, have been the ultimate examples of commitment, as they daily chose to stay at work, despite having to deal with the likes of Corporal Graham, Sergeant Simson, and myself.

Courage was a value exhibited by our varsity Rugby squad as they dealt with more experienced, and often rude opposition, and usually in a victorious manner.

Honour was shown by some of the B-company house I/C's, as they stood up for what they knew to be right in the face of temptation.

A picture of labour was illustrated by the diligence and persistence of the OAC class while studying for exams, under the pressure of knowing that our exam results could determine our options for next year and for the rest of our lives.

The most important lesson that I learned this year was taught to me by an acquaintance of seventeen years, but a true friend for one year. Lance Corporal Andrew Farrish, who I can proudly call a brother and friend for life, sacrificed a peaceful and quiet year at home to complete a third full year of hard work and discipline here at the Academy, for the sole purpose of looking out for his big brother, who was coming here for his first year. In my first year away from parents and my other two brothers, it was a great comfort to have the experience and friendship of a two year veteran by my side.

The power of teamwork was definitely portrayed by Brant House and exemplified by Corporal Heyes and Lieutenant Simmons during the Academy's annual Fall Excercise this year. Despite blisters bigger than their feet, they carried more than their fair share of our load so that no one from our team would fall behind.

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Both Corporal Heyes and Lieutenant Simmons taught us new boys, and set an example for the rest of the Academy, about h leaders can motivate an entire team by both their own efforts and attitudes. Captain Doig and CSM Grenier also mode leadership and teamwork, as anyone in B-company can attest to. They demonstrated how a team that trusts each other a communicates well can accomplish anything, as they fought tirelessly to make things happen for anyone who worked for the Lieutenant Fowler showed those around him the importance of patience, specifically while waiting for us to open our nigh pile of letters from our girlfriends and mothers (sorry about that sir, but most of our mothers and girlfriends are here today if you like a few words with them). Captain McAndrews has also been a model of wisdom this year for anyone needing advice. sage answers to seemingly complex problems displayed the value of experience and , as Captain McAndrews would say hims some "old school" common sense. The OAC's particularly have appreciated and benefited from his advice time and time ag this year.

Although many staff have had a strong positive influence over my classmates and myself this year, it is still our parents that h had the most effect on virtually all of us. I am truly blessed in this department as I have been blessed with extraordinary pare I'd like to thank my mother, Carol Farrish, for the love and countless hours that she has invested into me in order to develop behaviour, my grades, and most importantly, my character. As for my father, Ken Farrish, I have said nothing positive so far t does not apply to you, dad. Although fallible like any human, my father has been the epitome of integrity, a character trait t I strive to perfect like my he has. I am sure that most of us here on parade today echo these sentiments towards family, and I sp for all when I say, "thank you."

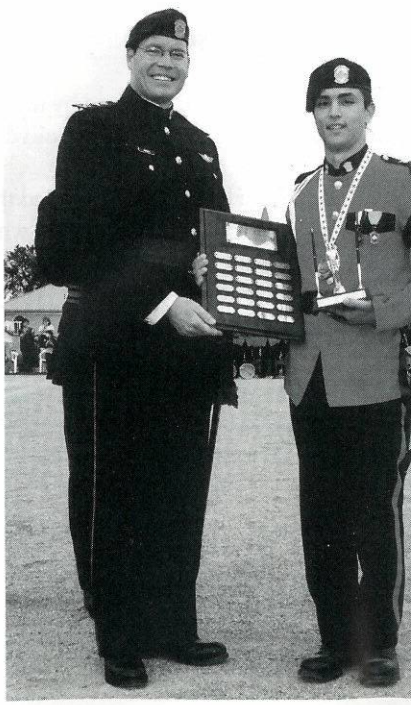
This year has seen the maturation of all of us, particularly the graduating class. We are all the more wise from the experie that we have gained by living with each other, from the 'duly noted' insights of Lieutenant Simmons in English class, and fr all of our 'personal problems' that we have overcome with the help of our kind and compassionate Company Sergeant Maj We have all learned priceless lessons from each other this year: lessons on how to make people laugh and put them at ease fr Corporal Jim Gorrie, lessons on how to effectively accomplish the task at hand from Warrant Peter Thoma, how to smile fr Lance Corporal Brian Roach, lessons on determination to master OAC Calculus from Warrant Mihajlo Vujcuf and Sergeant Simson, to lessons on kindness from Sergeant Richard Hong and Corporal Joseph Testa.

A little further on in his book of wisdom, Solomon urges:

"Hold on to instruction,
do not let it go;
guard it well,
for it is your life."

If wisdom and instruction are pace sticks by which we may measure life, we are now many steps ahead of the shadows of our former selves. Gentlemen, thank you for helping to create the best year of my life, and for preparing myself and the rest of the graduates for the exciting and challenging journey which lies ahead. As we forge ahead, we take solace in knowing that the values that have been embedded in each of our hearts will guide us as we prepare to realize our full potential firstly as sons, then as husbands, fathers, and citizens.

If I may be so brave to say, I believe that all of us graduates, Major Bowman, the faculty, the entire cadet body, our parents, and most importantly, God, can say that this year was "a job well done."



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